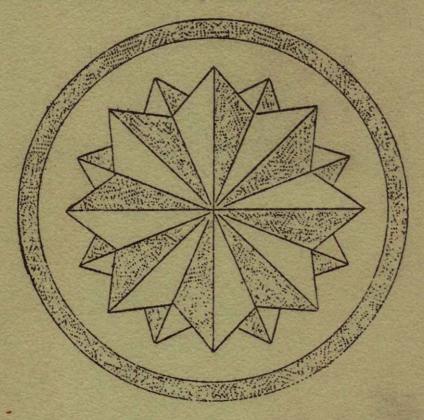
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CONCLUSION of the seance of October 4, 1947. (The first five pages of this sitting were printed as the concluding pages of Part IV of these Memoranda - pp 126-130.)

"how does one know about past incarnations? Is there any possible sign to show that I have lived before? The Christ life I can grasp?"

"It lies in your mind - but by diligently seeking there are ways - mechanical ways. The Christ life has nothing whatever to do with it. To know of the past life calls for meditation and can be experienced by those who can do so without upsetting their own balance. By the use of candles and the mirror. Put a black cloth behind the mirror," said Lao Tse.

"You are refering to a method used by Rosicrucians?"

"It is not alone for Rosicrucians. They have no ownership. This form of meditation has been used in India, China, Egypt and many European countries. It is very old and well-known. In Egypt, before mirrors, a plate of polished copper was used. The body should not bw intruded on by clothing. Put the candles to the front and at the sides in front and yet at the sides of the mirror. Sit in deep meditation close to and as if between the candles. (Q). You say this method is in bad repute? There is nothing bad about seeking knowledge, but to use it wrongly is black magic. What you see is not really reflected in the mirror- the mirror is merely an aid. If anyone were to enter the room. he would not see anything in the mirror. What you see is your own secret seeking. You can draw a picture for someone by word of mouth, but what they see may be very different from what you have in mind. They would see what is drawn from the Akashic Records. The very fact that you are seeking that kind of knowledge will create a picture. On sitting down you do not know what you are going to see - you do not paint a picture. You are seeing your own creations but not fancies or dreams - you are seeing the extended reality of the past."

"Where are those pictures?"

"In the individual mind," replied Lao Tse, "but not in the subconscious. The trouble is, that your modern psychic does not understand what the conscious mind is -- This is a valuable experience, but only for those who have advanced mentally and can use this knowledge. -- You are working with two forces, the cosmic mind in cooperation with the individual mind. Think of a small battery working with a large one, and the small one becomes a sort of parasite. You are tapping directly the cosmic mind. and in it there are many forms. That is why you sometimes see pictures in the mirror that horrify you. All forms are ready and waiting to be called -- merely waiting for an open door. If a terrifying form comes through, do not accept it; in fact it is best to end the sitting for a time. The mind bears back and is beaten upon by the forms of things. When you learn to control thought and bring it down to a focal point, and to direct that bearing point, nothing else can enter in. Thought-forms are created not only by yourself but by thousands and millions of beings on the etheric plane, and it is not surprising that

you get horror pictures. (Q). Yes, it is somewhat like crystal gazing; however, in the mirror you look for yourself, in the crystal you look for another. I am going to leave the medium now."

Lingford came in. "Well, if I had done all that talking I would have smoked more than one cigaret." (Personal message for Mark Probert followed).

"All forms are ready and waiting to be called": The esotericist does not need to be reminded how fat and learned a volume might be compiled from these nine words as text. Mine-tenths of magic and of the techniques of meditation stem from them--- In another place Lingford declared "In man there is depth upon depth of horror - and height upon upon height of beauty." -- Quod superius macroprosopos, quod inferius microprosopos!

TRANCE LECTURE OF DECEMBER 13, 1947.

PRESENT: Dr. P.C. Cosman, Mrs. G/H. Layne, Mrs. Townes, Irene Probert, Meade Layne, Mark Probert (medium).

"My name is Gordon Northcott: I have been given the privilege and opportunity to use this medium to speak a little while about myself. I have spent some time working myself out of a very evil condition. Some years back there was a great deal in the papers concerning me, and I am so ashamed now to confess, but I find that is one of the reasons I have come. I have committed murder."

"Have you been forgiven?" asked Dr. Cosman.

"Not quite. At first it was a dreadful condition I found myself in. Do you remember that case where I murdered those little boys on a ranch? They termed me a degenerate. It has been so long since I have spoken to anyone here on earth. (Q). Yes, this is the first time. I have been trying so hard to make up for that unfortunate episode in my physical life. When they put the rope around my neck I thought that was the end to everything."

"Can you tell us your experiences?"

"Yes, they now tell me this is one way that will help me a great deal, is to come back and at least show that I am so sorry."

"Can you say anything about the causes that let you to do this thing?" asked Meade Layne.

"From my early childhood I was afflicted with that -- "

"Don't feel sad - it is over now," said Irene Probert.

"It is not that I feel sad, lady, but I find it difficult to express myself. Sex is a very much misunderstood thing. I have spent so many years over here trying to determine why I was like I was. Why was I like that? Abnormalities do not fit into so-called communities of civilization. But yet it is misunderstood."

"Can you explain anything about the way you felt?"

"It is like being born with a strong tendency toward disease - types of disease like cancer. (Q). To me it did not seem a perversion, it seemed natural. I was living in a world where everyone was different, and I could not conform to that difference. It was like being born with one leg in a world where everyone walks on two legs."

(Q. by Dr. Cosman.) "Yes, I realize your only protection is to put people like myself under restraint. I felt overly-resentful because I could not express myself then - but if unfortunate people like myself could only be understood and taken care of! But if the difference could only be observed in childhood and they could have instructions and education some form of control! There is

no cure for it - it is only to be understood."

"Can you tell us something of what happened after you were hanged?"

"Unpleasant subject, but I will try. There is a moment of time in which one feels as if he were struggling forever."

"Where did you find yourself? asked Dr. Cosman.

"Hanging around, looking at my body. But I was amazed because then I did not feel that I had a rope around my neck. No one was with me. It seemed then that I was wandering alone, I don't know where, just like walking in darkness not complete darkness, but murky. (Q). No, I can't recall the time this lasted, but it seemed endless to me. Then I saw some of my relatives and some of my friends. They did not come to greet me, but one of them, a man, was very different. Others stood off and looked at me, not so much in resentment but in a silent and terribly sad manner, but this man did not seem even to be thinking about it. Even now I do not know who he was. He only said 'Are you ready?' 'Are you ready to change your resentful attitude. If you are ready, and realize you are free of the body and have a great life ahead of you, I can help you. (Q). Yes, i accepted him. Then I spent many months with this man; he took me to numerous places on the earth where I had never been - to institutions for the insane, to hospitals, prisons - we listened to the people in these places. I had left the physical without learning much, so I had to come back. You would be surprised how few men and women in prison are aware they are there for something they have actually done. A very great many consider they have done nothing wrong."

(Questions): "It has just occurred to me that I can feel (feeling of the table). - It did not seem necessary for me to eat; I did not feel hungry - I only seemed to be utterly alone. It was only after I came out of that condition that I felt pangs of hunger. To begin with I was given fruits, very much like those you have here. When a criminal comes over here he doesn't hunger or thirst for a long time. Their minds are fastened upon their condition. There is no thought of escaping it, one is just fascinated by his utter loneliness."

"Then I was taught many things, first that there was - what do you call it? - reincarnation. This man said that one of the reasons for this bisexuality was a former female life and a too short time of waiting before rebirth. No, I don't know how long this man was with me. I saw many people and beautiful places but I talked with no one. Everyone passed me by and said nothing, just looked. I was told not to speak to anyone because no one would answer. (Q). Yes, this isolation is the usual thing in cases like mine."

(Q). "No, I am not distressed, I am getting very tired. (Q). Yes, I am making progress now, and I know that this will help. Also I would like to say before I go, that if you can get in contact with the parents of these boys I killed"

CONTROL had been speaking faintly and with much effort and was unable to complete his last sentence; the probable content of it however is obvious. Change of CONTROLS.

"Good afternoon," said Lac Tse. "I am very happy to be here. You have been

very understanding with that young man. (Q). Yes, I have been his helper. There is so much of that to be done on this side that it is a never-ending job, for us who take up that pursuit.

(Q). "Yes, I heard his last request, but I cannot give you the names of the boys' families, nor do I have the right to take any credit. It is my work and I enjoy doing it. There are many in that field of endeavor - happily so! Your bible says, 'The harvest is great but the harvesters are few.' That is not true on our side but it is certainly true on yours. There are not many on your side who have the means or the time to pursue such work. Your prisons are a disgrace. Your schools are more of a disgrace. The mind is capable of assimilating much more than is given it. The authorities at the heads of these institutions are supposed to be intelligent, but it seems to me they are a pack of morons."

"Were things any better during your life-time?"

"No, decidedly not. In years past they were even worse.. I know sometimes you think I am rude and egotistical in my way of speaking, but I do not intend to be so, I only wish to emphasize what I have to say There were some good points about Nazism, in the way it organized and taught the young people - I mean the system was effective while yours is not ... I realize it is a great problem... But your country is the fountain of the world - only from this country can a true world government come... All large things move slowly. In time there can and will be a near-heaven in these United States - tho! I am afraid not in your time."

Communications like that of Northcott are pretty good prima facie evidence against impersonation: impersonators almost always pretend to be some relative, guide, or person sought for, or else some notable or distinguished person. But this writer has never yet known a communicator to pretend to be a criminal and a pervert. Distinction of that sort is not desired, on either side of the 'veil'.

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PRESENT: Dr. P. Cosman, Mr. James Opdyke, Miss Lane, Meade Layne, Mark Probert, (medium):

Prior to the control taking over, Meade Layne had been reading aloud a report on spectro-analysis of material fallen from a flying disc. The medium suddenly becomes agitated and the control takes possession abruptly.

"Come in, Lao Tse," said Dr. Cosman. "You are welcome - you have control of the body of the medium. Can you talk to us?" (Transfiguration of medium's face.)

"Go on, please. Go on!" said Lao Tse. "Repeat what you were reading, please."

"Well, this is the spectro-analysis of the Flying Saucer substance, made at the University of Chicago. Roger Graham got it for us. The high percentages are calcium, iron, zinc, titanium; Middle percentages are aluminium, manganese, copper, magnesium, silicon. Low percentages are nickel, lead, strontium, chromium. Traces of silver, tin, cadmium. In all, sixteen elements on the same side of the valence scale with no oxygen or other combiner."

"That combination ought to make it plain to you," said Lao Tse, "that these materials have been brought together out of the ether. Also note that they are free from dirt (i.e., chemical ash. ML) nor could it come from meteors. We have told you often - there are worlds within worlds, and when conditions are right and the time is proper the ethereans bring into action this ether-constructed matter and project it into your material world."

"Would this composition be of any value for practical uses in our world?" asked Dr. Cosman.

"This material could be used for the skins of planes," said Lao Tse. "It is highly heat resistant, and for ships, and for all kinds of war potentials. Its specific gravity is high, it is very dense, and it is highly resistant to bomb action. It could be used to ward off the effect of the atom-bomb, the gases will be absorbed."

"You mean it will block atomic radiation?" asked Meade.

"Yes, I do mean that this material will resist the Gamma ray," replied Lac. Tse.

"Well," observed Meade, "we should be able to verify that experimentally."

"Yes, you certainly can verify it."

"Can you tell us anything about the four-tailed comet recently observed by astronomers?" asked Mr. Cosman. "This is the first time one has been seen."

"No, this is not the first comet with four tails. And this same comet has come your way four times before this. Later when it comes nearer there will be quite a sky show. I feel a little tired. I will go now."

Lao Tse withdraws and a new control takes over. He taps in rhythm with hands and feet, sways back and forth, breaks out into high-pitched chanting in an unknown language.

"That is a South African language," observes Miss Lane.

The Control then puts Mark's body through a series of graceful dance motions while seated. After perhaps two minutes of this the Control announces in a loud voice.

"I Yo-Bam-Bo. I great chief of Zoambi tribe. I had much land. (Q). "No, I not much with my people now, I grow up, go on from them. But I have much trouble with witch doctors. (Q). Yes, I mean now - witch doctors on your side. They working black magic. When I in your world I have black magic and white magic. I do not bring black magic here, only white magic (i.e., to the seance. ML) (Q). No, I not talk with witch doctors this way as with you, would scare to death. I send to them by mind (telepathy ML), also I catch 'em in dream, in sleep, they wake up in big fright. (Q). Very hard to tell time, your time, (long pause) I think I on this side 90 to 100 years. (Q). British owned (i.e., controlled) my land, run my country then. White man makes plenty trouble wherever there gold, diamonds, any kind gain. (Q). I think future of Africa very good. Next 40-50 years will be great discoveries of metals in Africa. United States sometime will have great hand in Africa. If no war, then some day America rule all countries with kind hand. I go, goodbye!"

CONTROL Lingford takes over.

"Well, one reason the Christmas season is important, is that we learn we can't find out right away what is in every package. (Q). Yes, we observe Christmas on this side; that is, some folk do and some don't, exactly as in your world. Especially the children, of course; they have to have their Santa Claus even here. It's in their minds, part of the dream. So, we have newcomer (to Miss, Lane.) I think perhaps I should have married in my earth life. (Q). Well, I don't take a companion now, partly because of habit, and then too, there is so much to see and do, and if I tie myself down to one person then I cannot do and see so much. (Conversation and jesting references to Solomon and Brigham Young) Do you know I never did admire that man, Brigham Young! Did you ever see his women?... Of course the status of women now is greatly changed, but even in my time they were chattels, servants.

(Q. about national conditions.) "As I see it, labor troubles will be more or less ironed out. Much as I hate to say it, the powers that rule in this country are making the Russian situation worse. It is true that the Russians want world control, but let us make a more careful approach in dealing with them. (Q). Well, I think the United States should make a definite ironclad statement and then let it stand, but drop all the mud-slinging."

"The year is almost out," said Dr. Cosman, "How about that prediction of yours that some kind of instrumental communication with your plane would be achieved this year."

"Yes, Lingford rather stuck out his neck on that one."

"That is true. Well, there are obstacles on both sides. Most of them come

from your side, people who are not interested, and who don't believe in communication anyway, and people who oppose such things on orthodox religious grounds, and people who scoff at it and still call themselves scientists, and so on. We have all these same types over here, of course. People don't get rid of their fixed ideas and prejudices just by dying."

"I was reading part of that book you loaned the boy here (Mark P.) through his eyes - that book on astral projection (Yram: "Conscious Astral Projection".) It's often easier to read that way than to see things on your plane direct, and it seems to get harder after one has been here a while. There is a part in that book that is not right - where he talks about projecting himself in one body and then getting into another by changing the vibration rate. One doesn't really discard a body. What happens is this; the heavier atoms drain back through the connecting cord into the dense body, and those left constitute the finer vehicle which can be used for more advanced purposes. (Q). Yes, this process can be controlled and it is also automatic. I think this entering the finer body, that is, refining the body one is using, is one reason for the belief in shells. People get the idea, which I thinkis illusionary, that they have squeezed out of one body and into another. But shells are really thought forms and desire forms and most of them are produced by people on your side."

Meade Layne raised the question about dowsing from a map by means of a pendulum, for locating oil, water, missing persons, objects of almost any kind.

"Dowsing from a map is very similar to psychometry. Of course, in actual hunting over of a piece of territory there is an actual, psycho-physical sensitivity to radiations from the object you are looking for, while in using the map the action is more purely mental. Everything sends out waves and radiations. The dowser working over a map has no idea where the (say) gold or oil is located. He orders his mind to find it. What happens? The best analogy I can think of is a kind of radar - mental radar. He sends out a mental radar beam of a special kind that will "bounce" from oil or gold deposits. That is, it bounces from the radiations of the oil or gold, and the dowser knows this, or receives it, and it is translated into pendulum movements by his nerves and muscles. It is correct to say as Max Long does, that the pendulum and map become aids after the manner of the crystal used in psychometry."

Lingford was followed by the control Natalli, a 16th Century astromomer.

"That four-tailed comet you were talking about: it has made four visits to the earth's orbit. "

"Have you any idea about how long ago any of these visits was?" (Long pause.)

"It is terribly difficult to state lapse of time in years, I don't think I can do it here. But the first time the comet came was just before the great flood which is told about in your Bible."

"The Noachian era? There really was a great flood, then, at that time?"
"Yes, there was. (Q). No, I can't estimate how far back, in your years."
"What is a comet, anyhow, Natalli?" asked Dr. Cosman.

"Comets for the most part are broken-off pieces of giant planets."

"You intend to say planets, rather than stars or suns?" asked Meade.

"Perhaps stars would be better, but not suns. There must be some degree of condensation, of solidity, before such bodies can break up. A body which is all gas does not break up."

"What causes such bodies to break up?" asked Dr. Cosman.

"Usually extremes of sudden heat and cold. The tail of the comet is simply due to the speed. The light particles separated from the ones in the mass have greater speed. This arises from friction with the ether."

"An object passing through space or through ether only, does find some resistance from the ether, then?"

"Yes, there is friction against ether. Moreover, sound is produced. (Q). Yes, we can hear it if we wish to, make the effort to. It is a strange and wonderful sound. (Q). Yes, these sound waves are within the range of human hearing. (Q). No, there is no planet beyond Neptune belonging to this solar system. There is the Great Void of some 86 trillion miles -- then another solar system - Yes, as far as I know, another and another without end. Yes the perturbations of Neptune are partly due to comets... Vulcan, to me, is a dark star (Natalli would not or could not make further statements about Vulcan). -- There is a vast difference in the age of planets in yourbsolar system. The earth is one of the oldest, and the sun oldest of all. But planets are born in different ways, some almost spontaneously by aggregation of etheric matter. I will speak more of this. Goodbye."

TRANCE LECTURE OF DECEMBER 23, 1947.

PRESENT: Dr. Philip Cosman, Meade Layne, and the medium.

A request had been sent in, for help or advice in a case of impending mental break-down having certain 'psychic' aspects. The letter was read and the case discussed somewhat before the Control appeared. At 4:45 p.m. the Control Lo Sun Yat took over.

(Words of greeting in Tibetan): "I think this man must have entered upon these studies without proper training or guidance. Sometimes that produces the most deplorable results. First of all he should have freed himself from his very strong sex desires. That is probably the driving force that is now leading him to destruction. Also, he has secretly used these forces for sex gratification. This is bad. Many novices make this mistake. Sex forces are dynamic and very powerful and will destroy the body if misused in these ways."

"With regard to the partial paralysis he experienced - he did not know what was taking place. The psychic body was trying to escape, he was trying to project himself. The impulse toward suicide was connected with this 'subconscious' effort to escape. He was more or less self-hypnotized and out of his normal state, and yet was trying to work the two planes together. To try to open the chakras without proper knowledge often brings disaster."

"There is only one thing that can be done for him - a series of treatments under hypnosis. At present there is nothing basically wrong with the body, but if the psychic conditions are not cleared up he will die of a cerebral hemorrhage. The cause is the rise of the sex forces to the brain. But such conditions also result from prolonged over-concentration on any subject, say on mathematics. This sex force or Kundalini energy is basic in every kind of mental endeavor."

"The hypnotist should first find out what set him off in this field of interest. Often the reason for plunging into occultism is a secret desire to escape. It's an escape just as much as is 'dope', to use your word - and the victim becomes an addict. It's as hard for him to escape as for any dope addict. The questions should be put under hypnosis, because his mind is now evasive. When the cause is found, suggest that he has no more desired for occult studies - that he will gain nothing - that he is on the wrong tack. If no hypnotist with proper knowledge is at hand, he must make contact with some institution where there is a competent hypnotist, for he must have such help."

"Also, he has attracted some of the lowest entities. It is true there is an element of obsession in this case. He was and is a highly sexed person. If not helped he will go violently insane."

Lo Sun Yat, of course, does not decry occult studies when they are pursued in a proper manner. There are many subjects and lines of investigation which are dangerous for the amateur enthusiast. — The plight of the sufferer, in such cases as the above, is particularly distressing, for the reason that almost no competent help is to be had. The medical profession on the whole knows little about hypnotism and uses it still less; the psychiatrists use it intelligently within narrow bounds, but are grossly ignorant and contemptuous wherever an

'occult' or 'psychic' or spiritistic element enters. As for obsession, mental institutions, as least in the State of California, will not admit that such a thing exists; it is likely that the same stupidity exists everywhere, though with a few notable exceptions. -- The mediaeval condition of our mental hospitals is a national scandal - but hardly so great a scandal as the unfathomable ignorance of the healing professions with regard to all things 'psychic' and 'occult'.

Prior discussion of certain scientific hypotheses proposed by Roger Graham, physicist. Dr. Cosman and Meade asked for the attention of Lingford, or Lo Sun Yat, Natalli, Lao Tse - any one of these who cared to comment on the matter. After considerable delay Lingford took over.

"Well, it looks as if I were going to be put to work. However, I'm not going to try to answer your questions, I'll leave all that stuff for somebody better qualified. But I want to remind you that the consciousness of the medium has to have some grasp of the subject-matter (if good communications are to be had.) How do you do, Mrs. Probert. You seem very busy today. Can't you sit with us for a little while?"

"Yes, of course."

"If you don't want to discuss the scientific matters, perhaps you would give your opinion on this. We have a proposal from an European investigator that he sendthe projected consciousness of a hypnotized subject to these seances, and that the subject then talk to us through Mark just as any other control does. The subject would be given a key word or phrase which we would not know here at the time of the seance, but could ascertain afterward from a sealed letter; she would repeat this key message and perhaps would be able to take a similar message back with her. This might establish a practicable means of communication. Do you think this is feasible, and is there any particular objection to making the attempt?" asked Meade.

"The proposition seems to me perfectly feasible, but if any of us who communicate here are to assist actively, we will have to come down another step, into a lower vibration rate. Wherever hypnotism is involved, there is a chance that the hypnotist will send his own mind in the astral body of the woman (the subject). The astral body becomes then a kind of zombie, an automaton. Travelling on the astral entirely through hypnosis is likely to involve this condition."

"If you do this, the hypnotist must tell the subject to remember the trip. She will be able to do this. We will have to act as a kind of guiding hand for the subject. In hypnotism the projected person acts only as a recorder or agent. She will probably give only the key message but she will be able to take another message back. You must arrange the time. Be sure to let me know when the time is set."

Desultory talk concerning the proposed experiment. The control then took over. Just before doing so, he conveyed to the medium by clairaudience the word Lao Tse. As soon as in control he spelled the word and said that it was the name of a monastery "in which I spent many years". Being pressed for further information about himself, he referred to some thirty years of occult study and practice while on the earth plane. These studies led, he asserted, into the daily practice of projection, always from deep trance.

He also asserted that mathematical truths and principles were not expressed, on his plane, by means of figures and equations. The relationships were discovered by an intuitive process, or known by a kind of direct perception, rather than by logical processes of deduction. This intuitive power, he declared, was possible of attainment here, though the training in meditation was so long and severe that very few persons could attain it.

I interject here, that the child prodigy in mathematics, or certain mathematical geniuses, almost certainly operate in precisely this way; they perform mo calculations, but simply know the answer - and know it correctly. By some obscure law of nature, which appears to us as mere freakishness, these persons posses on this plane a power belonging to the more advanced astrals, or obtainable by most at the cost of great exertions. The performances of genius, of children, of aberrant humans generally, of mediums and sensitives, and even of the mentally 'deranged', abound with clues to the greater mysteries - clues which the learning of our day seems to take pride in disregarding.

The hypothesis formulated by physicist Graham is too lengthy for verbatim quotation, but its substance follows: 'The mass of the electron is about 1800 times less than that of the proton or neutron. The positron and the neutrino are analogous to the proton and neutron, and have the inertial mass of the electron. From these there is a whole series (hypothetical) of elements analogous in properties to the 90-odd we know of; but each atom of this series is about 1800 times as light in mass as the corresponding atom in the series known to science.' These elements will nevertheless be material, i.e., matter in a very finely divided state. A human body composed of such matter would weigh 1½ to 2 oz. 'A lens made of the equivalent of sand in this matter would be able to focus the X-rays. Vision of a person whose body was composed of this type of matter would be by light from somewhere in the X-ray bands or higher. This matter would interpenetrate with our dense matter, but the two are mutually inert chemically, and mutually invisible due to different absorptive bands. The astral or spirit body is composed of this type of matter.' "If these statements are essentially correct" writes Roger Graham "it will be possible to prove it conclusively."

The communicator having had the whole statement reread to him, agreed with it in substance throughout.

The following question was then asked: "Does there exist on your plane the element we call Cu (copper), as an actual material substance, yet some 1800 times less dense than our copper - and if so, can it be worked - say, drawn into a wire?"

To this Lao Tse replied "This element of copper exists on our plane as an actual material substance. The relation in weight to atoms of copper on your plane is about the ratio you mention. This is where emanations come in. Our copper is in effect an emanation from yours. Yes, it can be worked by us. (Q). Yes, we work it by mental energies."

Lao Tse then inquired as to what substances had been especially examined, as to the attitude of mind of Mr. Graham in pursuing these studies, and whether he would present a written or mathematical formulation of his proofs. Part of the article entitled "States of Matter," by Roger Graham, was then read to him.

This article appears in full in Flying Roll, the companion publication to Round Robin, issue Delta II, December, 1947. Data from these seances are frequently

considered in both publications.

The communicator repeatedly expressed his surprise and pleasure at the progress and insight evidenced by the hypotheses submitted to him. According to him the whole concept rests on firm ground and is of very great importance both to physical scientists and to all who are concerned with the problem of instrumental communication between the planes.

As a minor point, it is of interest to note that supposed weight of the vehicle disengaged at death (determined by weighing the body just before and at the moment of death) is between one and two ounces, and that Graham's estimate of the weight of the etheric or astral body in the "new Forms' of matter closely agrees with this.

It has long been maintained by students of occult matters, that objects on the etheric and astral levels of existence are truly material, but that the matter composing them is very finely divided, so that it becomes responsive to the energies of mind, whether of imagination or deliberate constructive mental effort. The astral or etheric duplicates of objects of our plane have also been regarded. by some, as emanations. Thus far, the concepts are by no means new to occultism. Mr. Graham's formulation, however, is in scientific and mathematical terms; it is, in effect, the first strong span of the bridge which nuclear physics is building between the planes of manifestation. This rapprochement between physical and occult science has long been forseen; it is an inevitable as the progress of human knowledge itself. A whole new realm of matter is opening before our gaze, and that which has heretofore been accessible only to the advanced occultist will become the province of the physicist also. As has been said many times, the need of our age is for the scientific-occultist or occultist-scientist; he is the key man of the future and it lies in his hands. We regard Roger Graham as a pioneer who has already thrust far into new lands, and consider it a privilege to publicize his work to the limits of our ability.

TRANCE LECTURE OF JANUARY 3, 1948

PRESENT: Dr. and Mrs. Cosman, Irene Probert, Katherine Tones, Meade Layne, Mark Probert (medium):

CONTROL: "Laurence of Arabia":

"You know that blasted cigar you're smoking is simply stifling me. It seems to distress me no end, much more than when I was living in the physical body. I could stand all kinds of things then, but I do not seem able to tolerate them any more. Some months ago I was here. I do not like to refer to myself as that, but I am Laurence of Arabia. I think if we understood curselves a little better we would not indulge in various injections of poison into the body. However, I am no moralist or preacher so we will talk about more pleasant things. As I look back and think of my book, the Seven Pillars of Wisdom, I would reduce it down to about five pages - that is enough to say. (Q). When you stop to observe life, you realize that all you have said is very insignificant and really without meaning, not to myself or to yourself - but to write all that for publication, for the general reading public is a sure waste of time and energy, to say nothing of paper ... Only after you are very old, or have passed over to this side do you begin to see life without many illusions. Knowing here is by direct sensing, without so many words."

"Yes, I am still very much interested in the Arabian people and in my own country and its political activity, altho I see the futility of so-called authorities, their mad scrambling; they are not getting any place. (Q). About the future of Palestine and the Jewish State, I see that it will be eventually accomplished. Yes, indeed, the Arabs object, and there will be a great deal of slaughter and wide-spread contention, both in Palestine and in India, and its effects will be felt around the world. (Q). Yes, England will lose the Sudan. England is going down and down, I'm sorry to say, but I saw that situation coming on even in my time."

"Yes, the English are trying to rebuild their empire in Africa, but conditions will arise that will stop that. The English people are rapidly failing. (Q). Yes, England and the United States will come closer together in an effort to hold their heads above the rising tides - which are going to be disastrous."

"About another war, I prefer merely to say there is great trouble ahead for the world.(Q). Yes, for Russia, but not for her alone, but for all the countries that survive (survived?) the war. (Q), Yes, there will be a resurgence of Nazism. Do not think for a moment that Germany is going along with the so-called democratic idea. The German people are bull-headed, and proud, and that pride has existed many hundreds of years. Now they hold a bitter hatred against the American people - and don't forget it! You can't slap a proud man in the face and expect him to shake hands with you."

"No, no special message - only that I am glad to come back and talk to you again - and get involved in a political discussion... I find that I had a very similar outlook when I was in the physical body - just a somewhat wider scope now... I only wish I could have gotten around as fast when I lived in the dense

body. Everyone has a definite time to live. (Q). Yes, the time of death is fixed, but it is fixed by your own actions. Yes, there is freedom in your actions, but your character and manner of reaction to events is what determines the time of death. But there are other waiting, and I heard that you had some important questions. Good afternoon."

CONTROL: Lingford.

"Oh, don't say welcome to me - sounds as if I were a stranger. I sure do gad about, though. We had an extremely interesting get-together in that town up north (Los Angeles). In fact, I became eloquent all of a sudden, I was surprised at myself. (Q). A very fine and helpful group. If at all possible the boy here (medium) should go up again; I think things are going to turn up very good for him in Los Angeles. (Q). Yes, I refer in part to money. (Q). Yes, I can see his brother's point of view - why should there be a continuation of this unhappy life - but the laws of Nature do not regard our opinions. I see you have some questions."

"The questions bear on the theories advanced by Roger Graham" said Meade.

"Would you mind reading the first part again?"

"What is the true nature of magnetism?" repeated Meade.

"That is going to involve a long discussion; I don't know that I can word it right, but there are two types of ether - one which you have your existence in, and one in which we have our."

Lingfor was silent for some time, apparently trying to arrange his ideas, and then was abruptly replaced by a new Control.

CONTROL: Lao Tse.

"You will have to excuse me for pushing out your American friend, but I think I can do a better job. (Q) There is an interplay of energy between the so-called material earth and the astral earth. (Q). Yes, one is much more refined than the other. (Q). No, there is no way of detecting ether with your present instruments. Magnetism is a flow between my earth and the material earth; your ether acts as a carrier or vehicle; it is a phenomenon of the finer ether or etheric earth. (Q). Yes, sensitives can see the magnetic field, very often."

"Yes, we have for example, a true copper; it consists of the emanations of the copper on your plane. It is the slow returning of the copper to its source. It arose from a kind of condensation of etheric copper (i.e., the copper of demse matter), and it returns to the etheric state by emanations. Like the rusting of iron, whereby the iron returns to the ether from which it came. There is a backand forth exchange of energy. (Q). Yes, all copper is basically the same, otherwise it could not manifest beyond the physical plane. Yes, this emanation copper exists in and with and through the dense copper of your plane. (Q). Yes, it would be the same for glass. "

"If you have a glass lens of a certain shape, does that affect the emanation-glass, so that it also has a lens shape?"

"No, it does not. No, the emanation is not affected by manipulation of the dense matter. Yes, the emanation is formless. (Q). No, in the lens of the camera there is no lens of etheric glass, unless one should be shaped there by some entity. (Q). Yes, that is done sometimes, but such experiments would go on only if there was someone on your side trying to prove some theory or idea - and theh most likely this manipulation of matter would be projected and you on your plane could see it."

"How far is the structure of etheric matter independent of dense matter? Suppose you took a lump of your emanation sulphur and held it so that a wire carrying an electric current passed through it. Would there be any effect on the flow of current?"

"It would avail you nothing. The difference in atomic density would make such effect impossible. The wire would pass thru the lump of sulphur, but there would be no contact, it would in no way be affected." The only way any of your physical apparatus can be affected from our side is by partial materialization. (Q). Yes, differences of potential between condensers can be affected if there is a mediumistic person present. In such case materializations may appear in a magnetic or electrical field.

In reply to a question about P.K. effects, on fall of dice etc. Lao Tse continued "Your P.K. effect depends on training of the muscular system to obey the will automatically in throwing the dice."

"You mean that you get a P.K. effect when the dice are thrown by machine?"

"Yes, proven so."

"What kind of energy is this?"

"It is a magnetic energy, the magnetic field is affected. (Q). Yes, to some extent it depends on the presence of the physical organism of the person."

"Could you on your side affect the fall of dice in that way?"

"I don't know. I have never tried that. Is it not odd that with all the communications you people have had, with the instruments at your command, you put more faith in a piece of machinery than in people. No man has the least faith in his fellow man - not the least."

"P.K. is observable up to about 30 feet. We don't understand the nature of the force or energy."

"I would have to observe the machine."

"It's not the machine; the observer wills a certain number."

"Will you excuse me for a few minutes?" I get back to that mechanical device you are using, even in setting a machine to perform any mechanical action, the energy of the mind is involved; you are working in a magnetic field. You wonder why this doesn't fit in with passing a copper wire thru a lump of astral sulphur. In one you are trying to make direct contact with no gradation of the flow of magnetic force, in the other you are giving free rein to the gradation

of the etheric flow. Any of your physical objects can be lifted about by mental direction, given the right conditions and right persons. (Q). This resembles P.K. effect, ectoplasm has nothing to do with it. (Q). When dice are thrown by hand, the mind prepares the muscular reaction, but with a mechanical throw there is a control of the magnetic field. --- In the first case the muscles sense exactly the amount of force to be used for a desired cast. (Q). No, one need not be in proximity to the machine; you could be here and the machine in Los Angeles... Much depends on the individual, his ability to control and direct thought-force. Telepathy utilizes the same force; it is and works as a magnetic field...

"The atomic whirl of electricity is much slower than that of mental force, or mind flow - it is easier for the latter to travel. The passage of thought is faster than that of electricity. (Q). Yes, mental energy, like all energy, can be measured - it has its own units of magnitude. (Q). Yes, one person can interfere with the dice throw of another mentally, especially if he knows how to control the thought energy. The stronger of the two forces prevails. This is true in all life. (Q). We can direct energy onto your plane only insofar as we are able to come down the grade into the level of material construction. (Q). Yes, difference of potential between charged plates can be affected by us, provided you have a medium present, or one who is in some manner sensitive. You will get spontaneous materialization in the magnetic field. But you can NOT get away from use of a medium or sensitive."

TRANCE LECTURE OF JANUARY 10, 1948.

PRESENT: Dr. and Mrs. Cosman, Irene Probert, Katherine Townes, Meade Layne, Mark Probert (medium).

CONTROL: Lo Sun Yat.

"Good afternoon - I am very well indeed. No, I do NOT think for a moment that your conversation was - what did you say? (Poppycock). Oh, yes, poppycock. The pursuit of the mysteries of the inner life is far from that. It is the most satisfying and gratifying kind of work. There is nothing of more worth, on any level of consciousness. But it seems you have some problems this afternoon... You must not expect concrete and absolute answers; what appears to be true today may be false tomorrow, this is the one inescapable law of life. There is incessant and constant change in Nature."

Someone asked a question about the exact process of taking control affecting the brain-cells of the medium, etc, to which the Control replied "In the first place, matter must be better understood. If you conceive matter as something touchable and concrete you are falling short of the mark. You must understand matter as a concept of consciousness, then the problem will become clearer. Your psyche and the so-called physical are practically one and the same thing. (Q). Yes, in a way they are different planes of consciousness. I do not wish to side-step the question; I am trying to find understandable terms (pause)... Physical matter and psychic matter are both thought-force. For us who live in the 'world of thought' after death it is a simple matter to enter the physical realm and use it. Science pursues a will-o-wisp in trying to explain matter by matter. Better would they gain knowledge by investigating the world of thought. They would find that matter is condensed thought. This topic cannot escape the field of metaphysics.

"We think thought energy is basic, but still the problem remains, exactly how do you affect an organic cell or a molecule by mental energy?" asked Meade.

"I understand - but whether I can put it into words so that you can understand is another question. I do not for a moment think that your ability to grasp and learn is any less than mine. That is not the question. I do not belittle your ability to think clearly; it is my inability, I am afraid, to use the proper terms - because in the proper terms lies the knowledge. But I think I'll step out for a moment and give place to Lao Tse. Yes, I am Lo Sun Yat. I have been quite busy - have been back in my own country. (Q). I see many, many more years of strife for China. (Q). As to Tibet, as the years pass and as men squabble, that country will become more inaccessible than ever."

CONTROL: Ali Ben Casi:

"Good afternoon. I am not Lao Tse. I have not been back here for some time and I realize how difficult it is to know who comes in or out under these conditions. I am Ali Ben Casi. Dr. Cosman, you said something about stepping up supersonic vibratory rates. I find that is the wave I come in on. The cell structure or vibratory rate or whatever you call it, rises - so rapidly that you will note a tightening of the skin or chills on the body of the medium. It is somewhat automatic but it is first conceived by the mind of the medium. The physical brain, on conceiving what is asked of it, waits. There is a rising of the vibratory rate

of the cells of the mind. When this nylear action rises in speed, its speed is is of the same quality or quantity of the world in which we live (meaning me). All we do is to wait for that condition to take place, and then we step in."

"Do you direct a stream of thought energy onto the cells?" asked Meade.

"Exactly so!/... When the psyche reaches out into the ether or away from itself, we come into direct contact with that flow. Then instead of allowing it to dissipate into space, we impress upon it and drive it back to the mind -- The thought wave pulses back and forth, coming out and carrying the thought back."

Foreign Control: Examines clothing, especially medium's tie, with much amusement; doesn't like the feel of clothing on body. "What this? What you call this? No, no, no like. Come from Amazon, from deep in jungle.(Q). No, not long this side. Have white man come down, look in jungle, wear cross (missionary). He teach me speak English. Amazon muddy. Yes, high mountains, nothing but mountains around. Lots little fish, eat man up, tear skin off. You fall in, ten minutes, no skin. (Q). No, no do much; woman work all time. Man have no work. Father say, no man do that, no man let wife do work. I say NO, white man spoil my woman."

(Q). My people hold big meeting, have people come talk (spirits), do sleep like boy (Medium); somebody talk like me now. Do sleep like boy, much. Everybody-round in circle, on ground (gestures). Then come back to talk to my people (a materialization), he says. Everybody very - respectful (bowing deeply from waist) People very fraid, chief headman no fraid. All teachers say, all race man nobody die stay dead, all people have groups where talk with ancestors come on my side. White man, him slow. Him think new, wonderful (i.e., materialization), to us, natural. Goodbye!

CONTROL: Lao ^Tse. "One mistake seems to be most common of all - the idea that manifestations on your plane do not belong to your level of matter, or is not of your consciousness. But it is. There is no degree of matter, however intangible, which does not belong to your plane of consciousness. Whether it is A,B,C or simply X, it is of your plane - or you would never be aware of it. This makes many difficult problems, that seem insolvable."

Following a question about emanation-matter, objects on astral - matter peculiar to finer planes, etc, Lao Tse continued "All that is here now (earth) came originally from the world I am in. Out of my world sprang all that you have. How can there be things on either plane that do not coincide in some manner? Yes, we have elements on our plane not yet known on earth, but conditions have been such that they have not taken form on your plane. Yes, objects on our plane are made of emanation matter and have form; they are made by thought-force, desire, will of individuals. No, material form does not exist independently of mental action on our plane, nor does it on yours. On your plane, as on mine, we conceive and begin by conceiving. (Q. about solipsism). Well, that is how it would appear, like a snake swallowing his tail and all of himself, but that is an illusion...On my plane, if folk wish to stop me, they can project an obstacle of material solid enough to hold me, providing I do not know how to destroy it. You are under the same conditions."

"Well, if I were to die suddenly, would I not see natural objects, houses, trees, and so on, on your side - without any effort or desire on my part to see them?" asked Meade.

"Yes, you would. But these objects have been created by the minds which went before you, for your convenience and theirs: you live in them as long as you want to use them, then they vanish; then you make of your own. The cosmic mind functions through the individual mind even on our plane."

TRANCE LECTURE OF JANUARY 18, 1948.

PRESENT: Dr. and Mrs. Cosman, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Leftbridge, Irene Probert, Meade Layne, Mark Probert (medium):

An unknown foreign control has great difficulty in speaking. Finally says "I not used to control with American people."

CONTROL Lingford: "Humph! I had to chase him out. (Q). Oh, he was a little boy from Hindustan. (Q). We let him in just because he wanted to talk for a minute. I see you have visitors here. (Q). Yes, I always keep an eye out for the ladies. (Q). Yes, since last meeting I have been looking up some of the questions you raised. No, I don't consider them dull - not dull to me, anyhow. What you call dullness is usually due to haste - to a rushing away of the mind. There are quite a few here today - quite a gathering (i.e., on the 'other side'). (Q). Part of the difaficulty in getting started today was tannic acid in this boy's stomach (medium). Do you know what he did? He made himself a cocktail, a very large cocktail of orange juice, and then put egg and honey in it. But it was the orange juice, too much of it that made the trouble. I wish you would give me a cigaret. (Lingford manages a cigaret ver well but is not yet able to light it for himself).

"You know, Meade - about those mounds (Siskiyou stone circles, Shasta area); from what I hear about them over here, they date back 15 or 20 thousand years, and they are connected with the Lemurians. These people spoke an ancient Hindu type of Sanskrit. -- Do you ladies wish to ask any questions?"

An inquiry was put by a visitor, on behalf of her husband, concerning facts in a criminal case, some 8-10 years past. Lingford passed this inquiry along to Lao Tse, another Control, with whom the matter had previously been taken up.

Following a question about developing apparatus for communication, Lingford continued: "Scientists will find out in time that the wave lengths needed for this are extremely short. And they had a very tough time getting even the shortest wave lengths they now have - and these are much too long. This is a deucedly hard business. It's being thought out on our side and an effort made to get the ideas across to you. Your Professor Twining who came over here recently stood a good chance of making this possible. But the body elements are necessary. The apparatus will have to employ wave lengths that are of a mental or psycho-physical order or rate - it will have to take the place of a human being by reproducing the same energies. (Q). Yes, Professor Twining is here today. Excuse me, please - I shall go now."

Lingford was followed by a "temple dancer", a former communicator, who claims to have lived on "Easter Island" when it was part of a continent. The name of his land, or his local area was, phonetically, Bee-oh-lah-dee. "Mean Land of Sunshine - top of mountain now". (Q). "Yes, we hold big dance - very pretty music - Oh, yes!. Yes, drums, and what you call - strings - long strings (measuring with hands.) (Q.) All dances held in honor of Gods of Nature. For all long time man been on earth, always to Nature Gods he bow down. Go now."

Tho the medium never rises from his chair, the dance movements of body, particularly of arms and hands, are of remarkable grace and beauty. This silent dance -

or sometimes accompanied by invocations in an "ancient tongue" - sometimes will continue for four or five minutes.

CONTROL: Lao Tse. The voice of this communicator is slightly high-pitched, the tone and manner usually 'dry' and sardonic, sometimes impatient to the point of rudeness; nevertheless he has shown himself to be a person of good will and of exceptional learning. He has been some 300 years in the astral, and has spent his time studying the earth, and also various psychological problems. His earth life seems to have been spent in a Tibetan monastery - the his English is excellent. To help round out the picture of Lao Tse, we quote the following curious exchange.

Meade asks "Are you familiar with the Platonic doctrine of Ideas?"

Lao Tse. "No, what is that?"

"I mean the teachings of Plato, the Greek philosopher - about the 5th century BC."

"What did he teach? What were these ideas?"

"That's a big order - but the Ideas were noumena, eternal types or forms back of all phenomena. Ideas are the only realities, and they are able to act upon Nature to reproduce themselves. You say you never heard of him?"

"No, I have not."

"But he and Aristotle between them, practically dictated the intellectual development of Europe for 15 centuries."

"But he didn't have much effect on the common man! Well, I must look up this Plato. He seems to have ideas much like my own..."

This is certainly naivete' of the first water; my guess would be that Lao Tse is equally ignorant of even the names of Aristotle, Kant, and Hegel - who with Plato make up the story of the European mind. Yet the genuine learning and mental powers of the communicator must not be discounted for this reason - and we might remind ourselves that, in the sciences particularly, we have a plague of "great minds", in and out of the universities, who know no more about the history of Western philosophy than Lao Tse does - and care considerably less, since Lao Tse at least proposes to "look up" this mighty ancient, and even gives tentative approval to some of his reputed teachings. Quod superius, quod inferius! One road to understanding the astral people, is by remembering that human nature has not changed in them, by the breadth of a divided hair.

CONTROL: Lao Tse. (Bowing, hand on breast, dry by courteous): "Well, I take the privilege of introducing myself to the ladies. I am Lao Tse. This sort of thing is somewhat strange to you? But it is only unaccustomed - not really strange in itself, for Nature works in various ways, and gives up secrets to our digging. And of course, we're all digging and trying to keep our minds active. (Q). Yes, the body is insistent, but the great idea is to keep the mind away from thebody. Most ailments are due to meditation upon the physical self. Divert the attention from the physical body. The mind creates your physical ills - it can also destry them." There is no such thing as freedom from the physical, on any plane of being. All is gradation. Dense matter shades off into finer and finer particles. You cannot divide the universe into matter and mind. These two are gradations of the basic realness.

Only in this way can either be understood. The gradations become mind, become dense matter. Diseases produced by germs, come before the germ, speaking in a metaphysical sense. That is because the thought attracts the disease germ. Germs, baccilli, belong to the etheric world and not to the physical. They become physical and enter it when they are attracted by it; then they feed upon it like vampires. Consider what you call a cured case of tuberculosis. It is really an arrested case. If the morale is lowered, if the right mental conditions are set up, the disease will return."

The whole of this discussion arose from questions put by Dr. Cosman, concerning the origin and true nature of germs or bacilli, and their relation to disease. The specific questions are not reproduced.

Lao Tse continued. "Germs are foreign to the physical body; that is why they cause such havoc. They exist and have their sustenance: in the psychic world, and and there they do no harm. But in the physical they set up a state of irritation caused by a foreign body. But being etheric or psychic in their basic nature, the mind or psyche can resist them; if the mental functioning is right the mind can and does resist all attacks against itself and against the body also. The physical body is not capable of suffering, by itself and without the psychic (etheric) body.

Following a question about illness in children, who have no knowledge of disease, Lao Tse continued: "A child is merely the new or young manifestation of an entity - but the entity itself may be very old. Only the physical is what you call young. The illusions of life lead us to assume that such and such must be the case. The entity that enters the new-born body brings over with it many traces and inheritances of former lives. The human entity is not at all what you assume it to be. When you understand yourself you will understand life. The disease germs do not know they are in a child, they only know they are in a condition or position that irritates them. You should read the works of Paul Brunton, by the way. His knowledge is of an advanced order."

"We know his books. But he says the same thing a hundred times in as many ways, in a dozen or more books."

"That is fine! It's necessary to same the same thing over and over in different ways, to get it across to different types of people .. The medium is getting a little tired, I must go now."

A new Control, an Indian, who announced himself by a whistle and grunt, and an explosive spitting sound followed. "Huh - Huh! Fft! fft!. Me Swift Arrow, big chief. Me come before, bring big man. Me guide for him. Go now. Huh! " This was the same Indian who at one time took control of Professor Twining at one of these seances, during the Professor's life time.

CONTROL: Professor Twining: (Heartily welcomed.) "Wonders will never cease. We all ought to sing the praises of God. I remember my first effort to get thru, and it was a very poor one. But you have no idea of the difficulties that have to be overcome in this field of endeavor. Even during my earth lifetime I sensed the existence of many of these. Give my friend Franklin my highest regards, and tell him that at one of these meetings I will come through and talk with him; then he will know for himself that it is I. There is so much to say: I hope these meetings will be carried on. (Q). Yes, indeed, all is well with me - very well. I never dreamed that I could feel so wonderful. The body is not really a thing

to cling to, but you must use it as long as you can, for it is only in the physical that we learn the things needed to guide us here.(Q) Yes, I pursue my former studies. Do you recall a few nights ago you were talking with this boy about the realities of life?"

"I recall talking with him," said Meade, "But not the particular subjects."

"Here is the gist of it. You were talking about how under a certain theory the existence of the person A disappears into the consciousness of B, and B also reduces to a state of A's consciousness, so neither one is left, and ..."

"Yes," said Meade. "I recall. We were talking about the so-called dilemma of solipsism..."

"Well, I tried to impress on the boy that an analogy exists in the reaction between neutron and proton - the exchange of energy. That is their existence -- in instant and continual interplay and exchange of energy, yet each persists - as an energy flow... In the last analysis all of us are merely minds exchanging views - e changing force -- all life is force. There is a generative Intelligence that produces at will the thoughts necessary for the place and time. I do not think that at present anyone is making a machine that will serve for communication all by itself, but the ideas for such a machine are being impressed from our side. My voice sounds like that of an old man when I talk through this boy, but I am not so. I will talk of this another time. Now the boy is tired."

It is not the practice of the Editor of these Reports to make extended comment on them; his assumption is that they are read, for the most part, by people who accept survival and communication, and are prepared to go on from there and profit by the unlimited possibilities thus opened up; the corollary of this is, that our readers can note for themselves the great importance of many passages, without help from the compass and pointer of any commentator.

Neither do we suppose that statements made in these seances have never been made before. The literature of psychism is so vast that almost anything may be found somewhere in some form, IF one knows where to look for it. But it seems to us a great advantage, to be able to guide the conversation to some extent by holding it to topics of great the impersonal interest. The communicators come expecting to be questioned, they assert that they give us their time in obddience to the law of service, as well as from some satisfaction they derive from talking with a world of fellow men who habitually shut them out from all intercourse. This is surely a natural and human attitude. They tell us that the meetings are attended by a 'large gathering' of people on their own side of life - some of whom 'look with utter amazement" at a phenomenon they do not even yet believe in.

How instructive this last little fact really is! How it points to Twining's passing remark, "it is only in the physical that we learn the things needed to guide us here,"... and the assertion that "the greatest difficulty we have here, is to convince people that they are dead"... that the planes entered immediately after death are most wisely designed by Nature as an outward replica of our own world, "since otherwise the human mind, unprepared for change and even for survival in any form, would be cracked and broken by the shock." The next effect of these studies really is, in a sense, to "suburbanize heaven" - revolting as this thought may be to many religionists. We mean that dying is robbed of terror and fictitious mystery - it becomes a falling asleep and a happy wakening. The great event becomes a most simple and natural one, the introduction to new realms and laws of being is very gentle and adapted to our capacities; the Wind of God is truly tempered to the shorn Tambs. - 24--

Let those who feel defrauded of strange adventures, or perhaps of harps and golden crowns, rest assured that in the astral world, as here, there is

wonder and mystery on every side and without end.

Only if we cannot discover beauty and mystery in our earth life, we shall be slow indeed in finding it in worlds to come - for the power of its discovery will move less within us. And if we have no desire to learn and to serve while here, we shall not be able to serve and learn elsewhere. "The business of life is to prepare for death" writes Merrell-Wolff - and rightly understood this is intensely practical, profoundly true, and more important than any other value man can lay tongue to. But we prepare for death (Which is really the life abundant) by knowledge, and not in the foolish ways we have been taught. From the ways we have been taught, knowledge does not come; but only dreams, and fears, and follies, and dogmas, and the thousand stupidities of thousands of years of religionism.

All of this time, however, the means to right knowledge, of some part of the mystery at least, lay close at hand. There was a door at which all men knocked, but there was also a key to it - on our side, in our own hands. The machine, the apparatus for communication (now so earnestly sought) has always been available to us - the incredibly delicate apparatus of the human mind-body. To the few, of course, this has always been known; it remained for the science and culture of the Twentieth century to deride, deny and abandon. But now, some of us - some millions of us - take this old key in our hands again, but this time without fear or superstition or religious dogmatisms, and it fits the lock and turns for us, and the door at least comes ajar for us, giving glimpses of new and pleasant lands. And this is what we are doing in these Mark P. seances, little known or lightly regarded as they may be.

Now whatever diversity of opinion there may be among the communicators, there is no disagreement on this: that our present earth-life is all-important. It is here that we sow the seeds of our future condition, and here we work out the consequences of the past. It is here that our tastes and ideals are formed, our powers developed, and our course plotted. For this reason we say that nothing is so intensely practical, so desperately important, so imperative from every point of view, as the kind of investigation which is represented (most humbly) by these seances. Some mistakes and many limitations are to be found in them (and what human pursuit is not so?) - but we believe that right knowledge can be drawn from them, and that it is the most important type of knowledge accessible to mankind. All the sanctions of conduct, the destiny of individuals, and the cultural future of our race are bound up with it.

We repeat here the ANNOUNCEMENT of the title page: Part VI of these seance memoranda will contain a summary of four experimental seances, in which an attempt was made to establish contact with a group of experimentors in London. The London medium was put under hypnosis and instructed to act as Control of Mark Probert in San Diego, and to deliver and receive code words. The experiment thus involved hypnotic trance in London, mediumistic trance in San Diego, and the cooperation of Guides, the hypnotist, and the sitters in both cities. Though the code words were not obtained, much valuable information was acquired; the conditions were novel and the way was perhaps cleared for more successful efforts in the future. The English medium also had an interesting (whether real or hallucinatory) experience with one of the so-called Saucers, or a space-craft of some description.

TRANCE LECTURE OF JANUARY 21, 1948.

PRESENT: Dr. and Mrs. Cosman, Irene Probert, Mr. Melson, Moodo Legna. Mark Probert (medium).

Medium speaking in a strong voice, with ceremonious manner:

"I am Trimalki. In the name of your God and of my God I give you greeting. I am Rajah Matcha, of the Punjab. When I lived in my earth life I was taught not to delve into what you call spiritualism , but since I have come to the astral world I have found all things different from what we suppose them to be... You can believe me when I tell you, that so long as man works with good will and love, nothing will harm him: I mean he need have no fear of obsession or possession. You who are undevoloped must all seek out the way which is best for you. That way will not be the same for each one ... No, we do not really learn from the experience of others. Some facts we observe, yes, but the effort, the event must be lived out by the self. (Q). It was some 20-25 years since I came across to this plane. I find matters vastly different over here.. Time is what you make it ... (Q). Yes, I cannot possibly see any other mode of thought that has any validity at all (except that of the all-consciousness school). (Q). My English is good because I once spent a year or two at Oxford. It is indeed a great university, yet no better than any other, because what you get there is book-learning only. This does very well and satisfies man, until at last he discovers that he has a soul.. " The communicator continued for some minutes in a very rapid and verbose style of speech, mostly ethical and social reflections.

CONTROL: Lingford. (after long silence by medium).

"Humph! Well, it is said that silence is golden - but not always, not always! I think from what has been said on my side during the last ten minutes, it would be advisable to break up these meetings for a week or two. Everything has its limitations, you know. Meade, I wish you would drop your work and go out into the country for a while. You see, these last 4 - 5 years have brought a great opening up of the psychic realm. If you take on too much it will lead to trouble. This war has opened the way into the psychic life. Formerly the door was not so wide open; people could work with psychic matters a long time. I feel sorry to interrupt our meetings for a while. We have a new man in our group now. Yes, I refer to the Rajah. He is a very handsome man and has a fine intelligence. He will be back again as soon as the strain is relaxed. I think I'll go, there are others who want to talk."

CONTROL: Ramon Natalli:

"I can stay only a few minutes. A decision has been reached to suspend these meetings for a few weeks. Will you introduce me to this new man here (Mr.Nelson)? You have a very good education in your field, Mr.. Nelson, and a very good mind. It would do you good to look into this field of study (psychism); you would attract men and women on our side who could help you a great deal. I think you are going a long way in work. (Q). Yes, I have taken a look at the new telescope on Palomar and it is something to make you shiver. They will believe me now as never before that of the galaxies there is no end - of space there is no end..."

(Q). The phenomena of the flying discs will continue and probably increase. And no doubt there will be some of your bold and devoted pilots who will pursue these

phantoms of the skies - very foolishly, of course. (Q). No, I have not heard the story of the flying man. (Q). No, we do not change our interpretation of the discs as we first gave it to you. They do come from the Etheric world. That does not mean my plane, or any world of spirits who have lived on your earth, and it does not mean any planet of your solar system. The Etheric world of their origin interpenetrates with your own. (Q). When we resume our meetings I shall speak more at length on materialization, which consists in bringing together particles of dense matter by the use of thought force.

"You are suggesting that the discs have their first material existence on our side, that the etheric prototype of them is only a thought-form, and that this thought-form acts to bring them into being in dense matter on our plane of perception?" asked Meade.

"That is exactly what I am suggesting."

(Q)."No, I do NOT see a war with Russia impending. I see a great deal of trouble with various countries. During the latter part of this year the great leader, Mahatma Ghandi, will pass on. Yes, I speak only of what I see. I do not see war written in what you call the Akashic Records. Now I must go."

CONTROL: The Polynesian Dancer: (Elaborate and graceful dance motions of arms and upper body).

"Yes, - I dance to the Gods of Nature. White man, he no pray to Gods of Nature - he too smart - so, he no get nothing."

"Do you think the Gods of Nature would respond to us if we invoked them?"

"Gods of Nature always have ear for man. But you get so good, so smart, you say, Plant just grow, tree just grow, put water on. But then come big storm, wipe all crops out." (Q). Yes, all well with me, all good for me. Have all tribes with me, have all beauty and all love with me. I go."

CONTROL: Professor Luntz. He took control to give advice to Mrs. Cosman about her eyes.

CONTROL: Lao Tse. (Disguising his voice) "I bow to you. I come in as your Professor Luntz departs ... Now about this 'cancer fluid'of Dr. : it would be much better if I knew more about it and something about its ingredients, but the impression I get is, that it will not cure but will act as a retarder, to inhibit the course of the disease while other treatment is being applied... Yes, since germs, bacilli, exist on the psychic level they cannot really be destroyed by medicines; they can however be destroyed by psychic forces, by mental means, and that is the only way it can be done. Their manifestation on the physical plane can often be restricted or destroyed."

CONTROL: Lo Sun Yat.

"Well, it is nice to be back. I heard you speaking about your son, Meade. He is all right and You'll hear from him in a day or so. He is in good health but the climate is hot and the work very tiring...It was perfectly easy to get the information for you. (Q). The real issue in Palestine and the middle East is not one of nationality or race, Jew and Arab and so on; it is the fact that untold wealth in oil and gold underlies the deserts of the peninsula. Man is not

interested in man, but only in power... In Northern Tibet also there are great deposits of valuable ore.... Man's struggle to exist will keep right on going. It is good that it do so..."

"About the experiments with C (England.) Have the place quiet, less light than now, no talking, no smoking. Leave the length of sitting to us, please."

The above refers to the attempt of an Inglish hypnotist to send the mind of his subject, to take control of Mark P. and deliver a key message; then, if possible, to carry back another key message to him in London. Any significant results will be reported either in these memoranda or in other of the ML publications.

This series of seances began a year ago last September, and have thus been going on for nearly a year and a half. This amounts to some 60 sittings, of an average of $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. each, or some 150 hrs. If only half the time of a sitting is devoted to actual conversation, we still have the respectable total of some 75 hrs. of question and answer. The five issues of Seance Memoranda make a total of about 160 pages - less than 3 pages to each seance, if one wants to figure it that way. Seventy-five hours of talk reported in 160 pages of primt! The reader can easily understand from these figures, how brief and inadequate an idea the Memoranda actually give, of the total content of these seances. In addition there have been many clairaudient comminications at odd hours, anda few short special sittings to meet urgent requests for assistance. Nevertheless, the Memoranda probably succeed in conveying the gist of the intellectual content of the conversations. But the feel of the friendly human personalities of the communicators cannot be recreated in print.

SEANCE MEMORANDA from the

INNER CIRCLE

through Mark Probert, Medium

No. 6 -- January 29, 1948 through February 20, 1948 (BSRA 8-B)

This includes several attempts at psychic communication with a London, England group under the direction of Harold Chibbett.

Controls in the order of their appearance: Mrs. X the London medium, an Englishman, Mr. X (Lao Tse), a Kentuckian, Rajah Natcha, Lingford.

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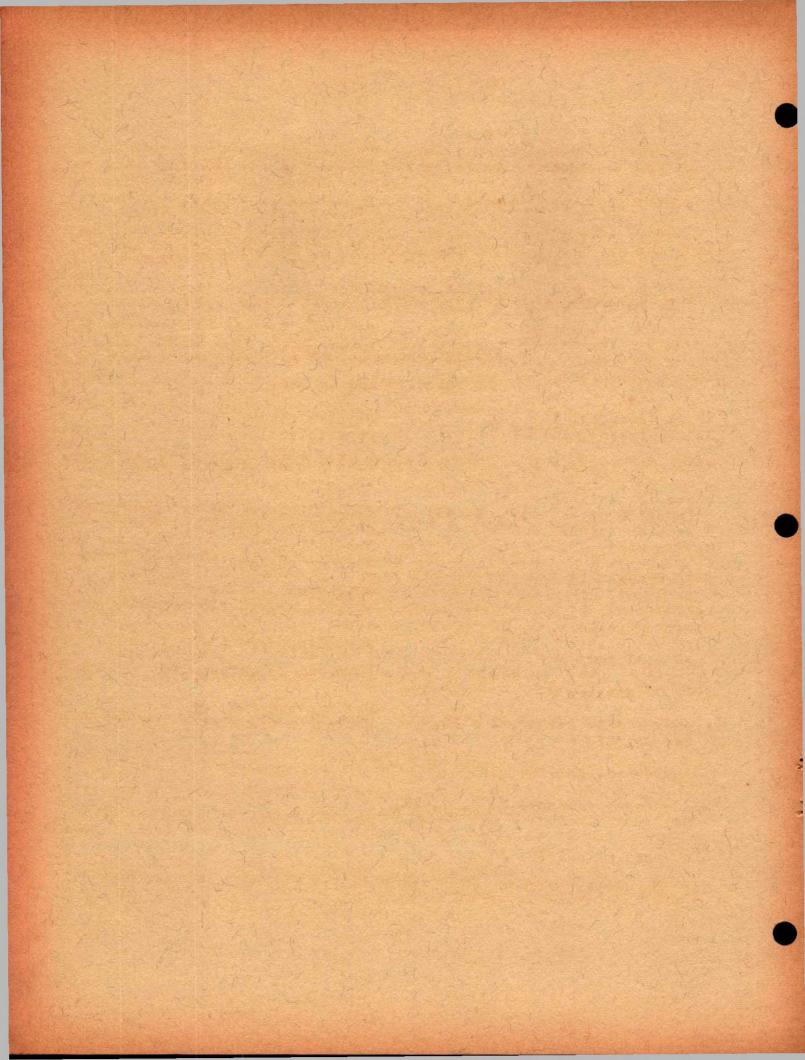
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Experiment in cooperation with experimenter Harold Chibbett in London. It was proposed that Mr. Chibbett place his subject, a medium, under hypnosis, instruct her to go to Mark Probert and act as his control while he was in trance, and convey a key message as proof of identity. She would also be given a key message to carry back to Mr. Chibbett in London. Dates and key messages were arranged for four tests, and the messages or key words were deposited in sealed envelopes with V.H.G. (Winona Lake, Indiana). The key words to be given in San Diego thus were known to Meade Layne only; those to be given in London were known only to Mr. Chibbett. On receipt of reports, V.H.G. was to open the envelopes in presence of witnesses. The following is a transcript of the FIRST experiment only.

The fact that this was an initial trial of a somewhat novel experiment caused some tension of expectation on part of both mediums, and of other persons in both groups. This probably militated against success, and in fact was complained of by one of the communicators.

The San Diego controls had been consulted about this attempt in advance and had promised their cooperation.

PRESENT: Dr. and Mrs. Philip Cosman, Irene Probert, Katherine Townes, Meade Layne and Mark Probert, medium.

Sitting began 11:45 A.M. At 12:01 the medium went under light control, made hand gestures, returned to normal at 12:04. At 12:08 he complained of pain over the eyes, was apparently in normal consciousness but stated that he felt "there was difficulty because of expectancy". He said that he gathered this information clairaudiently, though not very clearly and definitely. He also said that "an attempt has been made to get here but the medium became confused and came out of it." At 12:11 the medium received a mental picture of a "blue-eyed, heavyset person wearing something checked" - did not say whether man or woman.

12:14 Medium under light control. "It's very draughty - there are cold draughts here". (The room was at 72 deg.). "What does perturbation mean" I heard someone say something about perturbation."

12:19 Control definitely established. The medium shivers with cold, huddles up, speaks in a woman's voice:

"It is so cold! I am so cold! So cold! I came across the sea. Cold! Cold!" (12:21).

The attempt was made to give encouragement and reassurance to this Control, which remained present until about 12:29, shivering and huddling but unable to talk clearly.

12:29 Change of control. Medium rubs his face vigorously, and speaks in a man's voice with a strong British accent:

"You know, blimey! the conditions don't seem to be very good here this afternoon."

"Do you feel cold?" asked a guest.

"No, it's not cold in here, the room seems quite comfortable, but you have so many other conflicting elements!"

"What are they? Are they on our side. Would you like to have us burn incense?"

"No," answered the control, "I don't think that would do a bit of good." (Long pause).

"Will you tell us who you are? Where do you come from? (Pause). "Is it warmer here than where you come from?"

"Yes, very much - very much."

"Are you one of us from our plane? Are you in distress? What is keeping you from articulating?" inquired Meade.

"It is a strain to hold onto things."

"Do you belong to us or on the other side?"

"I guess I belong over here."

"Are you a part of this experiment?"

"Some man -- some man -- is telling some woman, to go - to go to America - go, go! You people sitting around the room this afternoon, please don't try to put your mind upon what I am doing with the medium*. This is what is being said. -- I'm afraid that I got caught under the hypnotic spell myself."

"Can you assist this woman in coming here?" (Pause).

"I am in the States, eh?" (12:39, control departs).

Medium in normal consciousness until 12:45, but has the impression of someone saying "God bless America".

12:45 Control returns; medium again begins shivering; relaxes. At 12:49 begins yawning, yawns almost continuously until 12:51. Momentarily normal. 12:53. Control returns, medium yawns, puts head down on table to sleep, sits up and yawns; normal at 12:55. The room has suddenly become cold and heat is turned on. Medium smokes a cigaret. At 1:01, new control, "Mr. X".

(*It is probable, though not certain, that the words marked (*) were those of Mr. Chibbett in London, addressed to his group. It is extremely interesting to note the possibility of a sitter "getting caught under the hypnotic spell", obeying the instruction given the subject - and actually giving a better performance than the subject.)

CONTROL: Mr. X

"How do you do? Hm-mmm! You're having quite an experience here this afternoon."

"Do you know what made it so cold in here?" inquired Meade.

"The lady over in England, being under hypnosis and being sent across so many miles, mentally took the route she thought best, and crossed the water and brought a state of coldness with her. There was some difficulty but not too much with the acting mind."

"Did she reach us? Did she control the medium here?"

"She did, yes - to a small degree. The next time you have these meetings will you please try to arrange for absolute quiet. (question asked) It has not been as quiet as you think. (another question) Overhead, yes."

"Did the message of the lady come across?"

"To some degree - not very well."

"She did not express any message here?"

"All that yawning and stretching around by the medium was due to the woman coming out of her trance condition."

"Is the experiment over?"

"Yes."

"Who was the man who spoke to us?"

"This man - I do not know who he is. He doesn't seem to have severed the cord from his body. I do not believe he is what you call dead. His psychic body is much too alive and luminous. I do think that he was one of the experimenters. He acted as though he was asleep himself."

"Do you think the English medium has any recollection?"

"Yes, I think so."

"Do you think it will be possible for her to describe the medium here?"

"Wait, and I'll try to see." (1:06)

1:07 They all seem to be quite gay but they do not feel it was an entire success."

"Could we still get the key words across?"

"Not unless one of us tries to make the contact now. She is trying that now by holding the writing in her hand (specimen of handwriting of Mark Probert)."

"Will you try giving her the suggestion now?"

"I will try."

"I give you two words only - BURTED CROSSES", said Meade, "buried crosses. Crosses that have been buried. Buried crosses."

Control silent. Medium returned to normal at 1:17; still felt sleepy.

The phrase 'buried crosses' because it includes (a) a familiar, easily visualized symbol and (b) an unusual association ('buried') not too easily guessed. There was some noice in the apartments overhead, as the control complained -- The regularly weekly (Saturday) seances have been suspended for a month, by advice of the controls.

THE LONDON SEANCES

As explained heretofore, the experimenter, Marold Chibbett, in London endeavors to place a mediumistic subject, "Mrs. X" under hypnotic control; he instructs her to seek out the San Diego group to take control of Mark Probert and to deliver a key word or message, and if possible, to bring one back with her to London. The notes received from the experimenter Harold Chibbett are here reproduced in condensed form.

REPORT OF HYPNOTIC OPERATION "MAYFLOWER" held at South London home of Mr. and Mrs. W., Thursday, January 29, 1948. PRESENT: Mrs. X (subject), Mr. and Mrs. W. and their son N. and Mr. F.M. and Mr. C.

Procedure: Nature of the experiment outlined briefly to those present. Door closed and secured. Before placing Mrs. X in trance the code word Mayflower was told to her and to all present, this being its first disclosure. Mrs. X was seated comfortably, with a white light behind her; was tested for suggestibility and relaxation by raising and "flopping" the arms.

7:50 P.M. Mrs. X holds a piece of paper containing writing by Mark Probert as psychometric specimen; gets impression of man wearing horn-rimmed spectacles. (1)

7:55 Operator Harold Chibbett held the shiny surface of a powder compact slightly above and about two feet away from the subject's eyes, directed her to keep her gaze fixed on it, gave continued sleep suggestions. At 8:15 induced catalepsy in both arms, these becoming rigid upon request. Told subject to go deeper into sleep and that she could hear no sound except voice of operator. Subject agreed in a whisper. She was told to go to the San Diego circle but not to control Mark Probert until told to do so.

8:03 Mrs. X was asked whether she was there yet, but replied "no" in a faint whisper. At 8:04 said she did not know where she was. At 8:05 she was again instructed to visit San Diego and the address was given in hope that it might help. She was told to entrance Mark Probert and to announce herself as 'Pat' of London and to give the code word. The white light was then replaced by a blue one of low intensity, at ceiling.

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Mrs. X was asked whether she was yet at the circle and replied "No', but that she was under an archway across a road (2); she felt that at one time this arch had been decorated with flowers or flags, and she felt a desire to dance.

- 8:06 Mrs. X was handed a photograph of Mead Layne (of San Diego Group) to hold, in addition to the paper written on by Mark Probert. At 8:07 Harold Chibbett asked everyone present to listen to him carefully and to amplify his words by willing Mrs. X to reach her destination. At 8:09 he asked whether she had made contact.
- 8:10 Mrs. X announced in a faint whisper that she thought she had contacted a group. Instructions as given at 8:05 were repeated. She was also told to give the code word Mayflower, and to get the San Diego code word.
- 8:15 Subject was informed that she would be brought back and that she would remember everything that had happened.
- 8:19 Sammy, a control, came through Mr. F.M. and said that Mrs. X wanted to 'go back.' He said that she was not to do so for a while but could try again later. (Note: Harold Chibbett does not tell us whether F.M. was in trance or not M.L.).
- 8:21 Operator Harold Chibbett told Mrs. X he would count five, then she would awaken feeling refreshed and well. This she did.

(End of first attempt).

"When questioned", Harold Chibbett writes, "Mrs. X. confirmed that she had been held up by an arch over a roadway. It was undecorated when she saw it but she felt that at one time it had been hung with flowers and flags. She had wanted to dance under this archway. At the circle she thought she had visited, she had not seen any figures plainly, but she did see a man or woman nodding. Everything was indistinct and there was a hazy atmosphere. She was not aware of a room. It was felt that the medium Mark Probert was on a different 'vibration.'

8:29 P.M. "This time the control Sammy said that he would induce hypnosis from the other side. He left Mr. F.M. for a while and then returned and commenced proceedings much along the same lines I did. He then transferred control to me. I handed the photo and writing to her once more, with suggestions that she should revisit San Diego. But before I could do much more than inquire whether she had established contact (8:34 P.M.), Sammy came through again and said that W.F. had told him Mrs. X's respiration was weak, and that I should bring her back at once and awaken her - which I did (8:39 P.M.). Sammy re-established her breathing, meanwhile indicating by signs that we were not to tell Mrs. X how she had been put to sleep by him on the second occasion."

(End of second attempt).

"When again questioned, Mrs. X remembered this time going into a room, but didn't want to bring back a memory, although at the same time she knew that she must. Again she referred to the 'man in horn-rimmed glasses.' She wanted to say 'Mayflower' but did not know whether she succeeded in doing so. She was then called away, and felt that she might have done better had I not distracted her attention. Once again she felt as though she were a man. She thought there was a colored light (3) but couldn't remember what color it was."

Observations by operator Harold Chibbett: "All things considered I don't think the results were too bad on this first occasion, especially considering the strain Mrs. X has been under for some months, her lowered vitality, and the fact that I was suffering from effects of a bad cold. It seems possible that Mrs. X may have succeeded in at least attracting the attention of the San Diego controls, and perhaps in entrancing the medium. Mrs. X was unable to remember whether any code word was given her. When Sammy came through again at 8:45 I asked him whether Mrs. X had been placed in a deep enough trance. He replied that I was doing all right but that instructions should be given in a sing-song voice, slowly and repeated, and then I should keep silent until instructions were carried out. Mrs. X said the American medium had a very good 'vibration' Sammy added that the use of psychometric material (photo and writing) was valuable in establishing contact."

(End of comment by Harold Chibbett).

Transcripts of both seances were sent to Vincent H. Gaddis, Winona Lake, Indiana. Code words for four seances had previously been deposited with him. Reports and code words were opened by V.H.G. in presence of witnesses Feb. 6, 1948. Their report concludes with the words:

"Having read the reports we therefore conclude that the code words were not transmitted, though the test cannot be said to have been a complete failure."

(1) Horn-rimmed spectacles. Mark Probert does not wear glasses, but Dr. P.C. and Meade Layne (at San Diego) both wear them; neither uses the horn-rimmed type, but in each case they somewhat resemble the horn rimmed kind and might easily be taken for such. (3) The room at San Diego had the shades drawn; there was no artificial illumination.

Coincidence or discrepancy in time cannot be pressed too closely; the exact time difference between San Diego and South London was not figured, and there are also problems of 'delayed effects'. But Mrs. X was 'sent out' and 'did not know where she was' at 8:04, was under the 'archway' at 8:05, and thought she had made contact at 8:10. It was about 12:08 when Mark Probert received a clairaudient impression of 'difficulty because of expectancy' and of an 'attempt made to get here but the medium became confused and came out of it.'

At 12:19 the Mark Probert control complained (woman's voice) of the cold which came from crossing the sea. It was at this time that Mrs. X 'wanted to go back' according to the London control 'Sammy'. Allowing a flat time difference of eight hours, the two time schedules show a reasonably close coincidence for most features of the two sittings.

Observation by operator Harold.Chibbett (London): "The communicator who thought he might have been 'caught under the hypnotic spell' might be F.M., who was dodging in and out of his body during the experiment." "It seems likely that if you hypnotize your medium it will be easier for Mrs. X to take control. Longitudinal mesmeric passes might release him sufficiently....the deeper the trance is, the better. I have my doubts as to whether there is any actual spacial transfer of vehicles - might be merely a question of change of vibration or 'wave-length' - I don't know sufficient, anyway."

The foregoing observations by Harold Chibbett come remarkably close to the later pronouncements of the Mark Probert controls. These have stated repeatedly that if very deep trance could be induced in both mediums the chances of success would be very much improved. They also asserted that genuine contact was actually established in this first experiment, but that it would be more accurate to regard this contact as mainly telepathic in nature. The San Diego experimenters have always been reluctant to employ hypnosis, in any of the work carried on by them, and the controls have approved of this attitude. As an alternative the controls suggested (Feb. 20) that each medium be allowed to enter trance in a natural manner, without any hypnosis at all, and without having any group present - except for a note-taker, who would do nothing except to record everything said by the medium while in trance. This, the controls believed, would get rid of the pressure of expectancy and the various psychic factors arising from the eight or ten other persons involved (counting the groups at both ends); see seance of Feb. 20 on this.

The distinction between "an actual spacial transfer of vehicles" (H.C.) and a telepathic contact -and/or an extension of consciousness, or change of focus of awareness, seems likely to prove verbal and hypothetical only. The maxim obtains: "You are where your consciousness is" - for if not, where else? - and what is meant by you? It is very helpful to speak of the AKA cords, or of rays and vibration rates, or of a kind of pseudopod of consciousness thrusting out across 'space' - and also, in similar cases, of the actual spacial transfer of an etheric, astral or mental vehicle or body in which the consciousness is functioning. But this space itself seems to be reduced, for our finite minds at least, to a change in mode or form of consciousness (a familiar philosophical idea). I think this room, and so say that I am 'here'; but if I can think a hermit-cave in Tibet, with the same clearness and completeness of attention, then I am 'there'; moreover, I can be partly here and partly there at the same time, or pass back and forth with a timeless rapidity. This also is familiar ground to the occultist, but it may help us to avoid creating fictitious issues about what 'actually happenes' when an excarnate entity starts travelling from one 'place' to another. Perhaps it would be better to call it telesentience and let it rest at that!

I shall now proceed to set down, in somewhat abbreviated form, the report of the London operator Harold Chibbett covering the second experiment, February 5, 1948. This experiment consists of two separate attempts to reach the San Diego group, and the first of these includes a remarkable 'experience' of the medium in connection with one of the so-called flying saucers (Lokas). One or two points should be made clear with respect to this. (1) The London experimenter Harold Chibbett is not to be regarded as accepting the experience as either veridical or hallucinatory, in his own critical opinion, but acted correctly in temporarily accepting it at face value in dealing with the medium and her control. (2) Mr. Vincent Gaddis also raised the question of hallucination but does not commit himself to an opinion. (3) The controls of Mark Protert, at San Diego, when questioned about the matter, expressed the opinion that the experience inside the disc was in the nature of hallucination, induced by reading and speculation leading to autosuggestion. They do not, however, say positively that such was the case, and there is no evidence that they were aware of the medium's experience at the time it occurred. (4) Under these circumstances it would be very presumptuous, to say the least, for the Editor of these reports to pass judgment on the incident. The reader is invited to form his own opinion and to contribute any pertinent data which may come his way.

REPORT of Hypnotic Operation SHOE - N.W. London, Feb. 5, 1948

Five persons, operator, and subject present. Psychometric specimen (Mark Probert writing) given Mrs. X., also code word SHOE, and instruction to undo the medium's shoe if possible and leave it on the floor. Medium told to relax, think of San Diego; sitters to do the same. Medium to look at operator's eyes, etc. Catalepsy induced in arms. Under control at 7:52 (11:52 S.D. Time). Instructions given to contact Mark Probert, control his body, say the word shoe and report to Harold Chibbett when she has done so.

8:00 P.M. (12:00 S.D.): Mrs. X (whispering): "Operator contact - Operator 236 - air pressure below standard. (Pause) 'Oxygen!'"(Sitter F.M., under control, regulates breathing of Mrs. X). "Return to base. A psychic matter now! Keep in touch. Still in touch... Operator 50 ..." (incoherent).

Operator: "You have all the air you need now, the oxygen is turned on."

8:04 Mrs. X: "Listen ... come nearer ... pressure greater ... contact 356 ... Returning to base..."

Operator: "Where is this base?"

Mrs. X: "Stratosphere ... it chokes."

Operator: (Not liking sound of all this) "Listen, I am going to bring you back."

Mrs. X: "Not yet. (pause) It makes my hands cold. (Hands were very cold). It's like acid!"

Operator: "Where are you?"

Mrs. X: "In a flying saucer."

Operator: "Do they know you are there?"

Mrs. X: "No."

Operator: "If you want to be brought back, squeeze my hand."

Mrs. X: "It's getting colder."

Operator: "Can you describe the saucer?"

Mrs. X: "I am inside ... It is like a big round room ... creature like I saw before ... others like an egg shape ... flabby looking creatures ... big eyes, webbed hands."

8:09 P.M. Operator: "Did you contact the saucer on the way to San Diego?"

Mrs. X: "It is just outside the earth's atmosphere ... I tried to avoid it but there was a suction ... "

8:10 F.M.'s control Sammy: "Bring her back, quickly." (Mrs. X awakened at count of five.)

MRS. X's OWN ACCOUNT:

"I seemed to be going higher than last time. I felt myself in a whirlwind. I imagined that I was swimming in water but there was no water. I tried to swim out of it but I was sucked higher and higher. I appeared to see something (or be) in a cone ... a huge round thing with a man at the controls. He was the same kind of man as before (referring to experience in November 1947) but with a helmet. All round the sides of the cone were holes. The egg-shaped creatures were putting something into those holes.

"My hands were stone cold. A retort (sic) was heard (or felt) ... there was something about returning to base and something about operator 50. Something about pressure zero; something about bringing back a sample. (Note taker gathered that these were impressions of thoughts picked up by Mrs. X from those inside the Saucer). The word 'Contact.' Someone calling operator 50 to 356.

"There was one man in the saucer; other creatures were egg-shaped with two legs. They appeared to be smaller than the man. They were filling the holes (or tubes) at the side of the saucer - seemed to make it go faster. I had the impression of movement at first, then realized the impression was of movement so fast it could not be conceived. They were talking about the base of the stratosphere."

"Did you see any other objects?"

"No, I did not see any other saucers. I was choking all the time."

"Can you give us any idea as to the size of the man?"

"Yes, about twice the size of Mr. F.M. (F.M. is broad, thick-set, about 5'8"). The egg-shaped creatures were smaller than D.M. (slighter than F.M., but about same height). These creatures have a face but no neck - gave me the impression of Humpty-Dumpty. They had big eyes. No clothes but consisted of a grayish substance. Their feet were webbed."

"Was the floor flat?"

"It looked round (curved) but wasn't, as I stood easy on it. I observed from a platform higher than the others - a gallery. I held onto a bar. There were no windows, only these holes in the side."

"Did you sense whether they were friendly or not?"

"No."

"Would they have caught you if your presence had been known?"

"Yes. The man was the same as the others I saw last time, but with a helmet. There were instruments all round the walls, dials etc. I don't know how I was able to understand their language."

SECOND ATTEMPT TO REACH SAN DIEGO

Control of sitter F.M., speaking to operator: "Keep her closer to earth this time and speak louder." (Unual procedure ensued).

8:30 P.M. Mrs. X in deep trance. Instructions given as in first attempt.

8:34 Mrs. X: "I can't find him."

Operator: "Where are you now?"

Mrs. X: "Under an archway, the same as last time. It gets in the way."

Operator: (to sitters) "Everyone try to help her under the arch."

Mrs. X: "I have been here before."

Operator: "What is holding you?"

Mrs. X: "I'm trying to remember."

Operator: "Something about last week?"

Mrs. X: "No."

Operator: "About a previous life?

Mrs. X: "Yes."

Operator: "Can you get past the arch?" (instructions repeated).

(The Mark Probert controls stated later that the archway was a memory of a former life, with pleasurable associations, so that she wanted to dance under it and was reluctant to go on by).

8:40 Mrs. X says she has contacted someone after she has been handed Meade
Layne's photograph - gets the impression of a man with no glasses. Says, "I can contact him ... but cannot control. His vibration is different than mine."

Operator insists that she contact the medium and give the code word.

8:44 F.M.: "Mrs. X's Guide says you are to bring her back."

8:45 Subject awake. 9:10 subject normal.

MRS. X's OWN ACCOUNT:

"I got stuck at an archway. I feel that the arch is necessary to remember, for something to come -- perhaps in an experiment. I felt I was in a room after you gave me the 'photo'. I seemed to go to a man but couldn't control him. He was about

my own age (43-44). He has a nice face. No details that I could notice. I looked for the medium whom I think I found. I felt that I traveled through a man and heard sounds that were very jumbled such as grunts, oh's, ah's, etc. I felt myself stone cold and asked to come back. I didn't hear any more. It was not long enough. You must not send me to sleep in that same way again (by clapping hands), that system is too fast."

COMMENTS BY E.F. (Mrs. X's Guide):

"Mrs. X was caught up that first time in an unaccountable whirlwind. It is the suction from these flying saucers."

"Are they trying new weapons?"

"That is how they are experimenting."

"But they do not interfere with wireless waves?"

"They would if they came too close ... These creatures would be friendly if left alone, but if attached they would naturally retaliate. If a saucer landed it would cause a devastating explosion. These creatures don't know their own strength. The flying saucers are seen in the United States because of the dense concentration of Uranium ... the substance put in the holes in the saucer is called Facillinite and Uranium is strongly attracted to it. The suction is created by its use. Mrs. X was attracted to the saucer because of the radium content of her body." (Note: She has had many operations which necessitated its use).

The control of F.M. reported that he had made a protective sign when Mrs. X had been told to return. This had materialized in the saucer and had been found by its occupants. He also said that the plane over Kentucky (Capt. Mantell) had been brought down by a ray gun.

Memoranda by H.C.:

"Like acid": probably "facillinite". "Putting something in holes": presumably "facillinite". "Sample": of atmosphere, creatures, or what? "Filling the holes": stokers? "Facillinite" -- "base of stratosphere": this might be our 'top' -- "Webbed feet": water creatures? "Archway": this held her up before. Any significance your end? May relate to an incident in one of her past lives, in some place en route. (Mark Probert controls confirmed this conjecture. ML) "Devastating explosion": I seem to remember reading something like this elsewhere. (The statement clicks pretty well with various items of alleged information received from controls and thru other psychic investigations in San Diego. ML)

"Facillinite": Phonetic spelling, of course, Its alleged property seems to be that it attracts Uranium and Radium. If so, it could be used as a means of propulsion, by using base and lateral shutters. Since the mass of the saucer is so much less than that of the earth, the saucer would be drawn toward the earth and not vice versa. The windless storm in the Atlantic might have been caused by the action of this substance on Uranium deposits in the sea bed. Re the plane over Kentucky - any information your end?" H.C.

End of London report - Comments for 2nd experiment, February 5, 1948, called Hypnotic Operation SHOE.

In these first two experiments no code words have been received, and little attempt has been made to give them in San Diego, for the reason that no entity seemed present who could or would try to convey them. Nevertheless, as has been stated, the San Diego experimenters believe that contact was established in the first experiment. But apart from the main objective, much has been learned - apparently by the controls also - regarding the complicated condition involved in the use of hypnotic plus mediumistic trance. We ask our readers to remember that these reports or Memoranda are published seriatim, and not as a critical and completed study of a psychic experiment. P.C. and Meade Layne at San Diego do not have the time or facilities to handle this data properly; it has to be presented in the rough, for whatever useful purpose it may serve -- The London account of what happened at experiments III and IV is not yet at hand, and the San Diego report of experiment IV also has not been published. ML

San Diego - February 5, 1948:

PRESENT: H. W. McQuinn, Meade Layne, Kathryn Townes, Irene Probert and Mark Probert (medium). Second of series of seances trying for control by a hypnotized subject in London, with key messages.

Medium says, he feels that London began early, at 11:45. At 11:58 medium feels very tired, sleeps a few moments; is normal at 12:00. From then to 12:10 he laughs repeatedly, asserts that he feels the presence of "humorous influences". At 12:15, gets the name Laura, or Laurie used as affectionate diminuitive. Control momentarily present at 12:17. At 12:23 medium gets the name Sadie. At 12:24, get the French word 1'amour. At 12:55, siki (pronounced see-kee), and impression that it is Hindu. At 12:29 says control has been here once and will try again at 12:30. At 12:30-12:32 a control was present, did not speak. At 12:36 a foreign control, unidentified Oriental language. Medium ceases to speak, but for some time holds his left arm above elbow, with right hand, as if in pain. Foreign language, unidentified; will not reply to questions.

12:28 Control Mr. X: "Good afternoon. Your trouble, I can see now, is it would be almost impossible for a living mind to speak through another living mind. Actually, what would take place would be an automatism. The living mind of a hypnotized individual cannot enter in and control in an adequate manner. What is necessary, is that the medium here be hypnotized and set apart from his body. It would have to be an outward hypnosis and not one produced by suggestion of himself. Do you understand?"

"Do you mean that this experiment is impossible as we are attempting it - that the hypnotized subject cannot act as a control for this medium here while he is in trance?"

"Yes. I mean she can reach and impress words on his conscious mind but she cannot speak through him."

"Do you mean that clairaudience with the medium fully conscious, would be better?"

"Very much better."

"Do you think the woman reached the medium?"

"Yes, we feel that she did."

"What is the situation at this time?"

"The situation as I see it over here is her inability to break thru the barrier and hold it to any lengthy extent."

"You mean, the barrier at this end?"

"Yes, to an extent, but more that she wanders off the course; she gets so far and no farther and cannot hold it long enough."

"What is the root of that trouble?"

"One reason is, the medium sitting here is not in enough of a trance. The trance is not deep enough so that she can make a clear and direct contact. That requires the deepest trance, and that can be brought on only thru outward hypnosis."

"Both mediums should be under hypnosis?"

"Yes. You see, too much of the medium's mind here acts as a barrier to the approaching mind of the medium from London."

"Didn't her mind speak thru this medium at our last meeting?"

"Yes, the mind of the medium in London got through but the psyche of the body did not. I don't know that that is clear to you. It is very much along the line of telepathy instead of direct control. You see, even though you may feel such work as this is mental, it is also through the physical very much, because the physical has to be controlled. That man who took control last time was very likely a sitter at the meeting in London."

"Was that telepathic or did he make the transfer?"

"No, he did not make the transfer; telepathy is more likely it."

"But this man spoke to us about the weather here being warmer than in London."

"There is much about the mind we do not understand. Knowing what the weather is in London, and the mind assuming that it could sense cold outside of itself, it was immediately open to the suggestion of the weather when it made mental contact with this medium. Telepathic control is much more amenable to suggestion than a complete entity control ... I see you do not understand. I beg your pardon."

"Could we arrange this experiment on a telepathic basis? Would you suggest using hypnosis in England and having the medium here receive by clairaudience?" (Medium somewhat disturbed).

"She is coming out of her condition now and it is having a similar effect upon this medium, although I have him under control now. Yes, I think it would be much more feasible to try the telepathy."

"What about the names received here at the beginning of the sitting?"

"Those were telepathic. I do not know if they are names of people in England."

"We shall leave the details of the next experiment to your judgment."

"You can always expect at least a certain amount of control when you try for this work, because we will always be interested and will make an effort to come through from time to time, but when we do not, do not become impatient, for you are dealing with something altogether different from what we are accustomed to."

"Has not this been tried before?"

"Indeed, many times. It has been a practise both in India and China and in other countries by adepts and teachers and advanced students."

"But there should be, then, some recognized technique that works."

"Excuse me a moment." (12:55 Medium yawns, stretches, then control changes)

(Desultory conversation with the Controls, of which no stenographic notes were taken, somewhat clarify the situation. It is said that the hypnotized subject is projected in her finer body - astral or etheric vehicle - there is an actual spacial transfer. The corresponding body or vehicle of Mark Probert, however, is not dissociated from his dense body, and this fact prevents the foreign control being established. It was said that the vehicle of the English medium was "too dense to take possession of Mark's body, unless Mark's own corresponding vehicle was withdrawn." This could be accomplished only by "outward hypnosis" (i.e., by an operator here), or by getting Mark Probert into a very deep trance by any other means, after which the controls would be able to effect the dissociation, and so clear the way for the English control to take over.)

"In his statement about the frequent use of similar means of communication, in the Orient particularly, it is likely that the "X" control did NOT refer to the precise form of this present experiment, which involves both hypnosis and mediumistic trance and requires assistance at both ends and on both planes. The successful methods are probably much simpler. At present writing reports from London have not yet been received, but it is not too early to point out that much has already been learned and a wide field of experimental work opened up. In comparison with this, the success or failure of the project of conveying messages back and forth has already become of minor importance.

It should be noted that the medium Mark Probert for some reason failed to enter trance, except momentarily, until after 12:30, whereas the English medium

should normally have been under control of the hypnotist by 12:15. She may have found Mark Probert in full consciousness and have been disconcerted, or without instructions what to do in such case. Comment at this point is speculative, however; we merely ask our readers to remember that this is a running account and not a write-up of a completed experiment.

At the time last indicated, 12:55, the usual Shakespearian relief character made his appearance. The medium yawns, stretches, his face and posture change, he tips back in his chair, slouches awkwardly:

"We have never seen you here before. Who are you?"

"Ain't been here before. Calls me Ebenezer, she calls me. Me mother, I mean."

"Where are you from? Where did you live before you went over there?"

"Come from Kentucky. Ain't never lef it. Ain't never even took me into the draft."

"Have you been over there very long?"

"Kentucky? Sure. Been here most all my life."

"Do you know where you are now - what you are doing now?"

"Say, who are you-uns, anyhow."

"Have you ever heard of spiritualists? You are speaking through another person, through a medium."

"Ain't talkin' through no one."

"Do you realize that you don't live over here any more?"

"Sure do! Live in Kentucky still! Sure do! Ain't never lef it."

"What is your mother's name?"

"Elizabeth! Hey - what you-all questionin' me fer?"

(Explanation was made to the control, about speaking through a medium, etc.)

"Well, ain't never knowed I could do this before!" (1:00 P.M.)

Our understanding is, that communicators of this type are allowed to take control occasionally, partly because it is often an enlightening experience for them, and partly to relieve any tensions which may have been built up in the circle.

SEANCE OF FEBRUARY 5 continues 1:24 P.M. - New Control:

"Good afternoon. I am Raja Natcha. I see you have a bit of rain this afternoon. Something prayed for, something sent! They told me you brag about the sun-

shine in your country, eh? Sometimes the things we brag about turn around and sicken us with too much of them."

"If we had the worst climate in the world," said Meade Layne, "we would brag about it's being the worst. Such is human nature. Have you heard any part of our meeting today?"

"Yes, indeed - I was just about to mention it. There is not a great deal more I can say than you have heard from your esteemed friend you call Mr. X. The substance dealt with from a living control is vastly different from that of one who has passed over to this side."

"Are you referring to the projected double of the medium:"

"Yes."

"Is this substance more difficult to deal with than the etheric or astral body of an excarnate person?" asked Meade.

"Yes - a great deal more difficult."

"Is that the source of the trouble then, a vehicle of matter too dense to be handled in this way?"

"I concur with your friend that the astral body of the lad here present as a medium would have to be entirely set aside through hypnosis - or possibly we could do it by inducing exceedingly deep trance."

"The hypnotized medium could then take control?"

"Yes."

"You think telepathy, with the medium here normal, the best means?"

"Yes."

"If you have anything to suggest about the procedure we would be grateful."

"There are some parts to this that would have to be considered. I would like to have a little further talk with your friend Mr. X. Before I go this afternoon I would like to ask your friend there, Mr. McQuinn -- Good afternoon, sir -- I would like to hear a word or two from you, if you have something to say."

"Do you feel that this work is conducive to a successful end, or will it culminate successfully in a telepathic experiment?" asked Mr. McQuinn.

"Yes, I do. I think that this is a great experiment and by all means should be carried through to its end, whatever that may be. The success may not be flaming, may not be extremely brilliant or even particularly good; nevertheless it is something that has not been carried on by your western minds."

"We learn much from our failures." remarked Meade.

"That is one of the sources of learning in all attempts in life. It is not through the successes so much as through the failures. I am laboring under the idea that you, Mr. McQuinn, are not entirely in favor of spiritualistic work. Am I right? I believe that you feel that such delving into the astral has a tendency to hold back or in some manner detain the advancement of the soul, eh?"

"I am open-minded, but you have sensed possibly a bit of conservatism on my part, in that my quest is for the truth as coming directly from the center of my own being. But I enjoy the friendship of those seeking the same goal. What do you have to say?" stated Mr. McQuinn.

"It seems to me that many of the teachings of my people, and also those of China, and I would go so far as to say teachings all around concerning the secrets of life are more than slightly askew. To be a seeker of the truth, sir, is a noble following; no soul is capable of retrogression or of being detained, except it find reasons within itself for such action. And if it finds this reason, it is most necessary that it either retrograde or be detained, because it is evident it has not learned the things most necessary for its advancement and its understanding of physical life. Being born and living for numerous years on the earth plane, man is more or less lost to the knowledge of his soul. He merely hopes he has a soul. It is only after years of seeking, of study, that we find not that we are sure we have souls, but merely that the hope becomes predominant. Approach life with clearness of mind and courage, and the knowledge within your heart that all that takes place is good for your advancement on your particular road. Do I make myself clear?"

"What then is the goal of existance?"

"I do not know what your goal is; I can only know what mine is."

"Could you tell us?"

"What good that would do, I do not know either. All I know is, that man should advance his mind. But in advancing the mind do not neglect the body, because when the body is under stress the mind is distracted no end."

"May I ask a somewhat personal question?" said Meade. "You were a man instructed in the religious and philosophical learning of your race, and in the culture and knowledge of the English universities. Tell us this, if you will. Did all this knowledge give adequate preparation to your mind, for your after-death experience?"

"My teachings were unusually good, for my time, in religious and philosophic matters. I can say that they prepared me at least to meet the unexpected with tranquility."

"Then, there was much which was unexpected?"

"So much! So much! Life beyond earth is NOT what we are being taught - not even by the spiritualistic movement."

"If this is true, can you tell us where right knowledge may be had?"

"I do not know. By that I mean, I do not believe such knowledge can be ade-

quately and properly expressed. Were I to say, for instance, 'Just picture that I am a Force' - does that convey anything to your mind?"

"It does not, of course, convey any image or picture," replied Meade.

"So you see, with all teachings..." (i.e. an illustration of the general difficulty). "While I was in the body still, I went through many projections of the psyche from the physical."

"Did not that prepare the way for future experiences?"

"Not entirely. It is most difficult to express. Being out of the body in that manner is much the same as being in."

"Nevertheless, some of us at least are extremely anxious to get a correct idea of after-death conditions, so far as that is possible to our level of understanding."

"You, it seems, are led to believe, because of what you have seen and heard of persons making themselves known after death, that that is the way they are. But that is NOT the way they are. By that, I mean they are not forms. We do not travel around in form. We travel around as an energy, a shapeless energy. It is only when we wish to make ourselves known to those who remain behind that we assume physical form for them to see."

"Is that true on ALL the planes of your world?" inquired Meade.

"NO!"

"Is it true that forms are habitually employed on what we sometimes call the lower astral?"

"Yes, that is the only place where a form is necessary."

"You are not conscious of having a form, on your level -- but you are conscious of surroundings - environment?"

"Yes. But I do not know how to express environment. It is like having a world around one, only if you desire it so. It most resembles, if I may say so, a sound sleep coupled with consciousness, with awareness." (i.e., probably like the waking-sleep of meditation, or trance in which the body sleeps while the mind is fully active. M.L.). "Is that at all clear to you?"

"Partly clear - but it does not clear up the space concept," said Meade.

"Yes, I can readily see that. That is the trouble of living in the physical body - the mind becomes unable to conceive of anything outside space and time."

"Do you recognize what we might call different degrees of reality?"

"To the uneducated mind, anything that appears to exist outside itself is 'real'. But in another state of consciousness you do not need these outward illusions. Illusions, however, are to be dealt with on all planes. But the term illusion is not

sufficient to express the truth" (i.e., to differentiate it). "because there is no actual way of separating the illusion from the so-called reality - on account of the awareness situation." (This, of course, exactly expresses the situation on our earth-plane also. M.L.)

"Is this true on your present plane also?" inquired Meade.

"Yes."

"You are not able to say, in effect: 'That mountain over there is my thoughtform', or 'it is a reality apart from my thinking'. It is impossible for you to make
that distinction?"

"It is impossible for this reason: you have to reckon with the fact that you may be seeing the building, the outward construction of other minds." (i.e., the seemingly objective mountain would still be a mental construct, though not of one's own personal making. M.L.)

"But do you recognize existents created by the Cosmic Mind, and hence having a kind-of final reality for that reason?"

"The Cosmic Mind being a combination of all consciousness everywhere present, can be and is observed by everyone, and this leads them to believe that what the so-called Cosmic Mind paints is reality; but it is no more reality than if a single mind painted and projected the picture for you to see."

"In respect to gaining right knowledge - is this kind of work, on the whole, a good way to get the knowledge we desire?"

"This is a fine way, as you say, on the whole; but I warn you it is also in the illusionary field - so be careful as you tread."

"You mean we should make allowances that communicators may be reporting personal experiences and thought-forms rather than anything more universal or substantial?"

"Yes, that is where man stays in his confusion. It is not to be held against him. It is only to be wondered that he advances as far as he does."

"Is there any better way of gaining this knowledge?"

"Individually, yes. By meditation."

"But that is almost impossible for the average westerner."

"This sort-of work (spiritistic), as well as your meditation, is fortunately not in everyone's field. Knowledge comes only to those seeking; it can be found on any plane. But should anyone tell you he has found ultimate truth, give him his hat and say goodbye."

"Butler said there is no source of error like the pursuit of absolute truth."

"That is absolutely correct. The Chinese have a peculiar Art, of making ivory balls within balls, and the western mind thinks it is a cute little trick. They do

not see the esoteric teaching... These things have been carved throughout the generations; the Teachers made them principally to show that all planes blend into one another. To seek truth on the outside plane, the outside ball, and to look no deeper, tells us nothing. All is within. All teachings hold to this."

"And what about free-will?" asked Mr. McQuinn.

"That question ... depends on definitions. Free will depends mostly on the strength of desire. The effect on the mind of mass consciousness and hypnotic illusions is to be reckoned with ... whether you act or refrain from acting depends on your response to the hypnotic glitter. The problem of your advancement is that of getting rid of the outer state of hypnosis - that is the progress in 'freedom', or 'free will'. It is getting difficult to hold on any longer. I shall bid you good-afternoon." Control Withdraws (2:02 P.M.)

REPORT OF HYPNOTIC OPERATION of February 13, 1948 South London home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. W.

PRESENT: Mrs. X(subject); Mr. F.M. (subject). Mr. C(operator). Mr. D.A. (note-taker). Mr. and Mrs. F.J.W.; Mr. N.W., Mr. Fielding, Mr. and Mrs. Helmore, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Clark, Mr. Pow.

PROCEDURE: On similar lines as before, except that two subjects were used. After commencement, nobody was permitted to leave the room.

All details taken from verbatim notes.

7:25 P.M. Before entrancement, Mrs. X was handed a photograph of Meade Layne of San Diego. She held this in her right hand. Mr. F.M. held some of Meade Layne's writing in his right hand. While Mrs. X was being hypnotized, Mr. F.M. gave off impressions received psychometrically from the letter in his hand.

"From this paper I sense a tall man, fair hair, very wavy, 6 ft. odd in height. Something wrong or some trouble with his right foot or leg. He is sometimes very serious but can be just the opposite, very jovial. I sense a large letter H. He doesn't smoke cigars as Americans usually do, but smokes a pipe instead and emphasizes with it, pointing like a gun. There is an orange light. With the tall man I sense a little woman with straight black hair. There is a badge in the man's lapel. He bends to tap his pipe but drops it."

Operator to Mrs. X: "You are now under my control. Sleep - sleep." (Usual suggestions given).

7:25 P.M. Code sentence 'Hands across the sea' given to Mrs. X and she is instructed to proceed to San Diego, and to wait.

7:30 P.M. F.M. is already under hypnotic influence, evidently having accepted the suggestions given to Mrs. X.

7;32 P.M. Operator to group: "You are all to relax. Do not be tense." (Deep=sleep-ing signs given to both subjects).

7:40 Operator to Mrs. X: "You are to keep close to earth this time. You are to go to the circle at San Diego and contact the original of this photo, Mr. Meade Layne. When you have done this you are to return here to me, or rather, contact me."

(Instructions by Operator to F.M. to relax - and as already given to Mrs. X - and to contact Mrs. X).

7:46 P.M. Mrs. X to Operator: "F.M. has got a job to keep up with me."

Operator to F.M.: "You are to keep up with Mrs. X."

F.M. to Operator: "Chosen people".

7:47 P.M. Mrs. X to Operator: "I got too low. My dress is wet. I'm outside the door. There is something on the carpet. My dress dipped in the sea and dripped on the carpet. My dress is wet round my leg."

(Mr. X (husband) investigates, says that the back of Mrs. X's dress is wet. Operator examines but is not so sure.)

7:50 Operator to Mrs. X: "Is F.M. with you?"

Mrs. X: "I can't see him."

Operator to F.M.: "Are you with Mrs. X?"

F.M. to Operator: "Pearl barley for breakfast. Try it."

Mrs. X to Operator: "Medium at San Diego is under control. He is talking. Someone else is in control, a man."

Operator to Mrs. X: "Can you project your thoughts through him?"

Mrs. X, crossly: "I'm trying."

Operator to group: "It may be that F.M. is controlling the medium."

Operator to F.M.: "Try to sing 'God Save the King'."

7:55 P.M. Mrs. X to Operator: "He is out, I am going in."

(Operator instructs Mrs. X - Mrs. X breathes heavily and murmurs "Ocean".)

Operator to Mrs. X: "Is this their code?"

Mrs. X: "I can hear ocean. I'm warmer tonight - much warmer."

Operator to Mrs. X: "The code - get that over."

Mrs. X: "It seems funny, my being here."

Operator to Mrs. X: "Have you met F.M.?"

Mrs. X: "Of course I have. Why shouldn't I?"

7:56 P.M. Operator to F.M.: "Can you see Mrs. X?"

F.M.: "Of course."

Operator: "Did you deliver the code and sing 'The King'?"

F.M.: "I don't know!"

Mrs. X to Operator: "I'm making it uncomfortable for him" (meaning Mark Probert).

Operator to Mrs. X: "Can you see through his eyes?"

Mrs. X: "No. It's like dream."

Operator: "Have you given the code message?"

Mrs. X: "I have done my best."

Operator: "Try once again. I'm going to bring you back."

Mrs. X: I'm sorry about the carpet; I couldn't rise."

"Operator: "That was because I told you to keep close to earth."

(Both the subjects were awakened at this point. Then F.M. is briefly controlled by some entity who says only 'Indigo blue'. This reference is not understood. F.M. is then controlled by 'Sammy', who says:

"Hullo! I think a bloke came here and took control. I saw a cord-connecting to people sitting there (at San Diego?). I saw the color. Funny word - don't know what it meant. He was here some while. I saw another bloke here, too."

Operator to Sammy: "Was it successful?"

Sammy: "Yes. But leave 'em alone once they're off - don't bring 'em back."

Operator: "What about the water on the mat?"

Sammy: "It dripped from her astral clothes. She wears these when on astral travel and in company. Otherwise none are worn at all. If you could see this boy (F.M.) you would see that he was wearing clothes like those he used to wear when on earth before."

(Memo: Sammy conveyed that Mrs. X's impression of getting her skirt wet from the ocean may have been due to the fact that she passed stages of vibration which shimmer like water, and her thoughts along these lines actually created the water -Operator).

Sammy: "There were two people here, one a fair-haired man with a complexion darker than the other. This other had dark hair brushed straight back over his head. He was tallish, pale and sallow. There were writing implements in his waistcoat pocket. He was dressed in a dark suit. A small girl brought the men along ... she

was leading the fair-haired man ... Regarding the sign made last week in the flying saucer, the symbol was found by the little people, who reported it to the big man. The small ones wouldn't walk past it. The small ones reflected the feelings of the big man." (Sammy referred to the conventional drawings of the war lord Mars, complete with helmet and skirt, and asked whether we did not draw a comparison between this artist's imaginative conception, and the dress of the man mentioned in the accounts Mrs. X's visits to the saucers).

MRS. X'S OWN ACCOUNT:

"I remember leaving this spot. I kept low -- too low in fact, because I found that my dress trailed in the sea water. I came back to the outside of the door of this room and the water dripped from my skirt onto the floor. I remember that F.M. couldn't keep up with me. Then he seemed to be pushing me, and then I seemed to be pushing F.M. I thought I found the right house and the man (Mark Probert). He was already under control but I don't know who was controlling him. I remember hearing this control saying the code. I couldn't see F.M. I felt nice and warm, and then I came away. Later I returned to have another go and found that the medium was out of control (sic. control had left medium?), so I tried to push into him. I felt as though I was clamped tight. I was uncomfortable and my chest felt as though it was pushing out. I tried to say the code but thought it was very weak, just a whisper. I heard the word 'ocean' but don't know where the voice came from. I believe it was direct voice. Then I returned."

MR. F.M.'S OWN ACCOUNT:

"I remember being given Meade Layne's paper and giving a reading. I realized I was going to sleep. I remember you telling Mrs. X to go to San Diego but by then I had already pushed off. I felt myself shoving my way into the body of a man much taller than I and I tried to fit in and open the eyes. I saw Mrs. X dressed as she is for astral travel, in a filmy attire. The circle at San Diego were just talking. I heard your instructions to control the medium and I forced my way in from behind. I was never in the circle, but I saw Mrs. X there. I saw the empty shell of this man from the back of a chair - a wicker chair which creaked. I said the code and heard some one butting in, saying 'please repeat'. I repeated the code and said, 'this is F.M. of London' and then lost control. I tried to sing 'The King' and hummed the tune just to make sure. A young man was sitting at the right of the medium, writing in a book. I said to him. 'Keep toward the white light.' When I came out of the body I couldn't see Mrs. X or any other people. I felt as though there was an iron on my right leg. That's all."

9:10 P.M. Operator to group: "Will you all please come, one at a time, to see the patch of dampness on the carpet outside the door." The patch was seen by all and a flashlight photo taken. The patch measured $1\frac{1}{2}$ " by 10", tasted salt, and roughly resembled Australia in shape.

February 20, 1948 - San Diego

PRESENT: Dr. Cosmon, Miss Fynn, Thos. Brown, Kathryn Townes, Irene Probert, Meade Layne and Mark Probert (medium).

11:45 A.M. At 11:50 Mark Probert says, "I have a feeling that London has started." At 11:59, "I hear a choir singing 'Onward Christian Soldiers'."

12:05 A control seems to be trying to take possession. 12:16 control in possession but medium makes hand motions only, does not speak.

12:19 "Good afternoon. I am the Rajah Natcha. I want to talk a little bit on what took place with the hypnotized medium in London."

"Your voice does not sound natural today."

"I am having some trouble with the body of the medium. Too much starch and sugar in his system."

"Plus tobacco?"

"Yes."

"Are you referring to the conditions in London today, Rajah?"

"I am referring to the first and second meetings. In your reports from London I notice the medium running into an archway. That archway is a consciousness of a former life the lady lived."

"The hypnotized lady? Is it a symbolization?"

"Yes, it is a symbolization of a former life."

"She felt an inclination to dance - did not seem to be able to get past it."

"That was because she was fascinated by the beauty and the remembrance of that life."

"It seemed probable to us later that she did make contact."

"She did, but not her body - not her psychic body; merely a mental contact."

"You mean, Rajah, a telepathic contact."

"Yes."

"With her psychic self?"

"Without her being aware of it. There is an awareness contact and also an unawareness of contact."

"There was a man who talked to us through Mark who we thought came from the London group. Did you know about that?"

"Yes, but there again is an unawareness contact with what you call outer or physical phenomena - the mind of the medium reacting to the suggestions - telepathic suggestions of a hypnotized individual."

"This person said he thought he had fallen under the spell of the hypnotist. Do you know if he was from the London group?"

"I do not myself know because I was not present, but from what you tell me it would be my belief that is what has taken place, and not an actual projection."

"Is it possible for someone else to fall under the spell of the hypnotist, Ra-jah?"

"It is extremely possible. It is even likely for an observer to fall under the spell more readily than does the subject of the experiment. The one being hypnotized is always consciously aware of the hypnotizer, whereas the observer feels that he is free, that he is his own acting agent -- and so automatically falls under the spell. I do not know that that is clear."

"Yes, we understand. Is there anything more to say about the feasibility of this experiment? Any modifications? Do you think purely telepathic experiment better?"

"You know, I think if the medium in London were allowed to direct herself (she is a trance medium, is she not?), it would be better if she were her own agent."

"Allow herself to be put in trance by her own Guides?"

"By directing her own consciousness in this direction. You see, the directing mind of the hypnotizer is imparting too much of himself to the medium. He fastens a string and thereby holds her back."

"We will present that point of view to London," said Meade.

"At the same time, I think that instead of having a group sitting, try to have the medium sit at home alone."

"That way there would be no control. You have to have control somehow," said Dr. Cosmon

"I know; this could be done by 'phone. You could be reported to."

"If she could only bring through into consciousness a key word picked up here, or an action - if the guides could impress it on her memory so that she would recall it when she came out of trance - that would be satisfactory," stated Meade.

"You may not realize that you are all acting as blockades against such a sitting, just as they in London are acting as blockades against their medium."

"What is the best way to minimize this?" inquired Meade.

"The egos of the mediums in this case are too aware of those around them and that awareness cannot be broken down."

"Suppose we allowed the mediums at each end to go into trance voluntarily, when and as they chose, and then have one person only to remain with the medium to make a record of everything that happened?"

"That would be well, but the one that does stay I advise not to pay any attention to the medium at all until such time as the contact is made and the medium starts to express it."

"Data obtained that way would not be very evidential - and that is the purpose of the experiment," said Dr. Cosmon.

"I don't think you are seeking such evidence (i.e., 'proof' as understood by psychic investigators. ML.) - but you are seeking to learn and to educate yourselves. Once the two parties here and in London make some kind of good contact the way will open up for a great deal more experimentation in various parts of the country."

"We will see what can be arranged; but as it is now, when Mark here goes into trance he is not aware of what is being said through him. Someone must be present to keep a record."

"I know that, but it would lead to further experiments and that is the important thing. When you have proven to yourself that two and two make four, you do not particularly give a darn who else thinks anything about it; you just make the statement and allow others to investigate - and believe me, they will; the curiosity of the human race is vast."

"Do you know anything about the experience when the medium got sidetracked to another destination?"

"To the flying vehicle? Yes."

"Can you tell us anything about it? Was it a real experience?"

"The mind, I think I do not have to say again, is a very touchy and suggestible instrument. She mentally wandered off into the field of suggestion. She had read a great deal about the flying discs, and the mind, trying to conceive some logical answer, under the state of hypnosis, was entirely free in the world of fancy or of dreams; so it was quite easy for her to conceive of being in such a flying vehicle and to picture the types of intelligences found therein. As the mind is the creator — and I mean the creator, it is quite capable of such by-play, especially when free, either in sleep dreams or under trance conditions, whether self-induced or induced by others."

"We strongly suspected that ..."

"I suspect I am talking too fast for the stenographer ..."

"I wonder what the situation is in London today?" asked a guest.

"It is no better than previously. The medium has been in and out of control. I must impress upon you that this particular medium for some reason has an inner fear of hypnosis and will not give herself completely to it, although she outwardly appears to do so."

"Unconscious fear?"

"Quite so. As I said at your last meeting, if you were to get this man into a deep enough trance and the same condition were to obtain in London, possibly for some time, you would have very amazing results. I think you have access to people who are making so-called telepathic experiments?"

"Yes," said Meade.

"It would be profitable to write and suggest such an effort to these people. They will be amazed at the results. They do not have to be so far apart (as London and San Diego)."

"You suggest deep hypnotic trance on the part of both mediums"

"Yes."

"Should we conduct telepathic experiments on that basis, with the message transmitted and received by the medium in trance, and recorded?"

"Either way would be a very satisfactory experiment providing it worked out, and I feel sure that it would."

"What is your opinion about hypnosis? Is it likely to be detrimental to the subject?"

"Like everything else, if carried on to excess, yes. You break down the aura and then trouble begins."

"Would hypnosis have a bad effect on the mediumship of Mark?" inquired Dr. Cosmon.

"Yes, it would. Well, are you through wrestling?" (Dr. Cosmon has been trying to remove his coat without getting up). "That's quite a job. Under proper conditions your coat could be removed or put on in a totally dark room without moving your hands."

"Yes - a very neat dematerialization trick," remarked Dr. Cosmon.

"I have always opposed any suggestions to use hypnosis on Mark," said Meade.

"I don't think it would be a very good idea. The ability he now has of giving himself over to our control is of a very delicate nature, and the cross-vibration of outward hypnosis would eventually destroy it."

"Well, if hypnosis introduces the mind or personality of the operator it will be hard to disentengle these in subsequent analysis, just as it is often hard to separate the mind of the control from that of the medium, in ordinary mediumistic trance such as we are having here now."

"There is only one thing to do with such trance mediums - only ONE way of knowing when the personality entering in and the mind of the medium are working together, or spontaneously and separate or ... (notes illegible)."

"You say there is a method of distinguishing?"

"Yes, and you know it. You segregate or separate each from the other by the manner in which it is said. The contact between me and this body is of such a subtle nature and the trance condition is so light, that it is only by this method that you can tell."

"As a rule we feel quite certain about the situation, but sometimes doubts arise, especially among those who can only read about the seances and never hear them. What about resuming the regular meetings?" asked Meade.

"Excuse me for a moment; someone is calling for Mamie, a Mamie who is on your side."

(No one present acquainted with anyone named Mamie).

"Well, to get on. Your question again! About the meetings; I would rather leave that to your former controls."

"Where are they?"

"They are here."

"Please tell them to come in after you are through. This is the last of the four London experiments. Can you tell us what they are doing over there now?"

"I shall try to find out. I shall return shortly." Control Withdraws.

The Controls have frequently warned, that there are occasional infiltrations of the medium's mind, particularly in the pronunciation of words, and have sometimes complained that it is difficult to talk in technical terms through a medium who has no grasp of the terms or subject involved. On the other hand, fully half of the conversation at these seances has dealt with subjects almost wholly unfamiliar to the medium, and many words are used with which he is unfamiliar. Also in the case of xenoglossy, where the language has never even been heard by the medium, the ignorance of the latter (of the words used) seem no barrier at all. And xenoglossy was for a long time the cutstanding feature of Mark Probert's mediumship; he spoke in a half-dozen modern European languages, in latin, and in a number of unidentified ancient 'languages' - and there is no evidence that he has ever heard any foreign language spoken, beyond a few phrases. It was difficult, for some weeks, to get a communication in English. The situation, then, with regard to the role of the medium's own mind during trance communications, is at present far from clear; in Mark Protert's case however, the intrusions are found to be rate and easily detectable, and the controls have cooperated in guarding against them. M.L.

1:06 P.M. - Control: Mr. "X":

"We try to stay out or at least apart from these meetings (i.e., the experimental seances with London), entering only when we deem it necessary. Your London project has come to an end; they are reading back what was received, which is very little except from her own experiences. She has not reached here; the mental barrier is too great."

"Her own mind?" inquired a guest.

"Yes."

"She did not reach here at all?"

"It is only this individual sitting today I am referring to."

"You said she did reach here the first time?"

"She did. So too did one of the men in the circle over there."

"Was it telepathic contact only?"

"Yes. It is very possible he himself did not bring back a memory of it. It was a telepathic contact but worked in a very peculiar manner."

"This is something new to us; he spoke here in what seemed to be his natural voice."

"Such often takes place, even on our side. We are capable of projecting thought while engaged somewhere else, so that the mind can record and the voice give out. The body is very much like a record machine and the vocal cords are the player back. That is not clear, I suppose?"

"Can a person on our plane project ...?"

"The mind is open to suggestion, something is expected of it, so the mind plays back the expectation."

"In the case of an entranced medium, what we call the control may not be present at all in a special sense?"

"Yes, that is correct. That is another reason why it is so difficult to separate the two seeming personalities, that of the medium and that of the control. One plane contacting another plane is an extremely subtle thing."

"We have come to realize something of the subtleties encountered at every turn in psychic experimentation."

"Just consider too; in this state known as normal sleep the mind is very likely to give out what is said to it from a live sleeping mind or the live waking mind of another."

"Do you mean that a person talking in his sleep is likely to be expressing the thoughts of another mind?" inquired Meade.

"Yes - on either plane."

"You mean that though the voice may be natural and characteristic of some other person, some distant person, there is no actual presence of this other person - no actual projection?"

"Yes, that is likely to take place simply because the mind of the one who is projecting his thought is doing so in his own particular manner; so it would carry all the characteristics of that particular personality."

"This is something new to us."

"I suppose this is rather a poor analogy but it may give you some idea. If anyone makes a record of his voice on a recorder, you expect to find his characteristics and personality in it ... It is difficult to put forth my ideas slowly; if I stop I may forget." (This refers to the fact that he was talking too fast for the stenographer, and to the difficulty of keeping medium under control if he talked slowly - ML). "Mental conversation is the same as physical conversation because they both are physical, one being a grade higher. That is the only difference so they would naturally record in that manner."

"That is certainly very interesting. Have you any comment about resuming our regular meetings?"

"I think they should be resumed the following Saturday from this one, barring any eventuality. Now I am going to say something and I do not wish you to feel either surprised or upset. For a long time I have been keeping my identity out of the picture. I have used methods to side-step the projecting of my personality into these meetings. I am just wondering whether or not it would be advisable now. I told you in the past that I spent 30 years in a monastery - and the name of the monastery . I am"

"You are the great philosopher? We feel very humble and are greatly honored."

"That, I thank you for, but I do myself an honor to be here."

"Your name is known among all nations and in all languages. You are one of the great ones of earth's history," said Meade.

"No one is higher and no one is lower. No man is greater than another. But what he may have to say may in some measure influence the mind of a few individuals to a better way of thinking, and so of advancing along his own road."

"Was it not you who communicated at a famous seance in New York?"

"I do not remember making such a communication."

(Dr. Cosmon to Meade Layne): "The communicator you are thinking of was Confucius."

"Yes, I have heard of that man. I know of that myself. We are not to be considered as great individuals; we feel more honored to be considered as thinking minds."

"This may seem like an ungrateful question, but after all, what draws so great a mind as yourself to this small insignificant circle?" inquired Meade.

"The Cosmic Consciousness considers no group or individual mind greater than another. We come where we see we may be of help. Sometimes, and I think more often, we find what you term greatness in the more common things. And what, in your estimation, is greatness?"

"The ability to utter thoughts which after many thousands of years are still recognized as possessing eternal truth," replied Dr. Cosmon.

"The expansion of consciousness ... " said Meade.

"Yes - expansion of consciouness. To know and know that you know, that knowledge is the greatest of all things, that man is God and God is man."

"Tell us then, is there any way in which the methods and purposes of these seances can be profitably changed, for the best service of human knowledge and advancement?"

"Merely by the topics that are used. The nature of the questions and the answers will in time cause this small group to produce something worth-while. All things, you must understand, are worth-while; otherwise there would be no existance and no cause for existance."

"And do you approve of our experiments?"

"Yes, I approve of your subject-matter and your questions - but be on the alert against fantasies and vagueness, and approach with definiteness of purpose and the courage of your own convictions."

"Certainly we have no desire either to deceive ourselves nor to be deceived by them. Please tell us exactly how to pronounce your name, and whether we have the correct spelling," said Meade.

"In your language"

"Would you give us the date of your life on this plane?" asked Dr. Cosmon.

"Before Christ, I would say, physically - and before that, forever. But I see now no further reason for staying."

"Do you recall the province of your birth or life?"

"At another time I shall come back and tell you considerable of my history. Perhaps it would be best to let me remain known to your friends only as 'Mr. X', although my real name is now known within your group."

"When we write about you we shall respect your desires," stated Meade. (this request on the part of Mr. X explains our failure to print his true name in this report.)

Control Withdraws.

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1:32 P.M. CONTROL: Lingford:

"I haven't been here for some time and I feel sort-of out of place now. It is a hard job for me to stay out so long, I wanted to butt in. I have missed you. I think, more or less, we have all tried to stand aside and let this experimental work go on, helping from ourside unobserved."

"Can you give us any information?" inquired Dr. Cosmon.

"Well, it seems things could be better. Conditions on both sides of the water could have been improved on."

"We had no guidance."

"No. For the little that you knew I think you did quite well."

"Do you think contact was established?"

"Yes, I do - and a very definite one. I am inclined to think it was not telepathic but in an odd manner. I have never witnessed anything like that before."

"We gathered that it was new to everyone concerned."

"It was new to me, I will say. You know, young man - Where is that young man? (looking around the circle). What is your name? (pointing to Tom Brown). Your first name?" (control is told).

"Tom Brown. I suggest that you take a little exercise" (Lingford continues with some advice to Tom and answered an inquiry from Dr. Cosmon about the blood stream). "Yes, he needs mental interests too. I almost sound like a doctor."

"We sometimes suspect that you have been a doctor," said Meade.

"I won't say that I have been a doctor, no. But it is easier to observe the conditions of people's bodies from my side, because the psychic body, psychic mind, is more of an X-ray on the physical body. Do you understand that?"

"By looking at the aura?"

"Yes, but on observing the color of the aura, then I can direct my mind to the physical body and it is almost like looking into an X-ray."

"Clairvoyants tell us something very similar to that."

"You are wearing yourself out, young lady." (To Kath. Townes).

"What about the experiments with London? Do you agree with Mr. X? Did you hear him?"

"It appeals to me but I am not sufficiently versed to know for sure. I would rather leave that up to those who seem to know more about it. It seems reasonable to me, but that is all."

"What do you think of?" (Mr. X).

- "A man the likes of whom I have never known at any time before. A great person - a benevolent person! I know he will not think me loud-mouthed when I say that he and other minds like that are on a par with Christ. --- Cigaret! I can smell the smoke! (Irene Probert had lighted one to offer to Lingford). You are trying to make an addict out of me. But I was not one, even while in the physical body."

"We have accepted this philosopher at his own statement. Did you know who he was?"

"Yes, we have all known it. Excuse me, but on this side even women can keep a secret."

"How different conditions must be over there!" remarked Meade.

"Yes, because - I'm going to get philosophical now - a woman's mind is no different from a man's mind. They are all working in and under the Cosmic Mind. It is the physical body that makes the difference. Now, what was it you said, again?" (to Irene Probert).

"We wanted to know what this philosopher looks like," answered Irene.

"Anything like Lo Sun Yat?" asked Dr. Cosmon.

"No, he is not fat, he is extremely thin. Tall? Yes. Bearded? Yes."

"Does he have a moustache that sort of droops?" asked Irene.

"Now, isn't that a typical picture! Yes, because in those days his people were given to wearing such strings on their faces. Chinese, Indians, and many of your Nordic people are sparce of hair on the face. The Mongolians got a long way into the North and left their calling cards. That is why many of your Nordic people have high cheek bones and squinted eyes - and your Esquimaux and Scandinavians."

"Your voice sounds stronger than usual, Lingford."

"I think it is because I have had some fairly intelligent mind ahead of me and they leave the psychic organs of the throat of the medium more open."

"The mental character and status of the communicator actually affect the condition of the medium's throat?"

"Yes, definitely. I think some of your scholarly minds have mentioned the various gradations of things. The same takes place in the mentality of the operators and leaves the vibration there."

"You're not going to put morality and virtue onto a matter of vibration rates, are you?" asked Meade.

"This lady? What is her name, please? You have something on your mind you wish to say?"

"No. Well - I would like to know what is the best way to dispose of the rest of my life," replied a guest.

"That is a giant subject and I think only such minds as" (Mr. X) could possibly answer that. I'm afraid I cannot attempt it."

"About the meetings," continued Lingford, "I think they should be started again, about once a week as before. I think in a few days you will hear from your good friend in Chicago. Yes, I met him when he was here; they insisted that we come back and at least say hello, and I think our friend Professor Luntz gave him the once-over. I wish he were here so that you could have a real get-together."

"We would like to have our friend Jack Tate here again too," said Meade.

"For a long time I have wondered what happened to your friend Jack."

"He is in Tennessee. You know, a great many strange things have been happening on our side, in the way of physical phenomena," said Meade.

"I would like to have some of those subjects brought up."

"I have hesitated to mention them because some of the communicators rather object to them - think them hardly worth-while."

"They are interesting to me; you can leave the philosophical approach to life to the others."

"About that meteor in Nebraska ... " mentioned Dr. Cosmon.

"I am just considering how to put that. I'll tell you something of that and other similar things at our next get-together."

"I shall want to ask something about Jaggar's forecast, of terrific volcanic eruptions for this year. We do not ask these questions out of fear or panic, but we would like to know. Psychic predictions are a dime a dozen on our side, but Jaggar's work is rigidly scientific."

"Such people should be listened to; they are not making predictions or dreams but on what they consider material facts."

"We also have some extraordinary data concerning large numbers of the soulless ones; it connects more or less with possibilities of great loss of life on this coast."

"I see we shall have a lot to talk about, then. But I am getting tired now." Control Withdraws 2:02 P.M.

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